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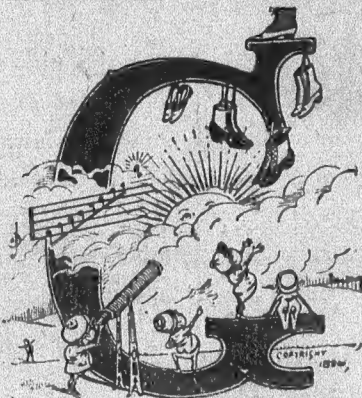
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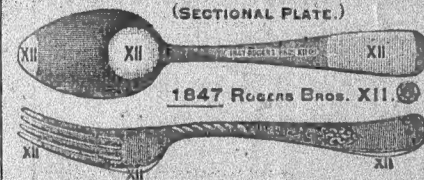
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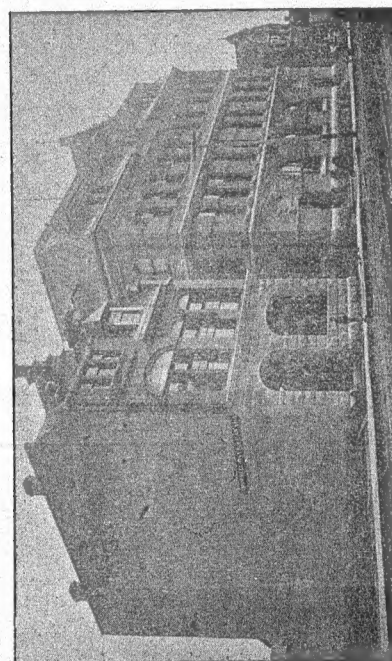
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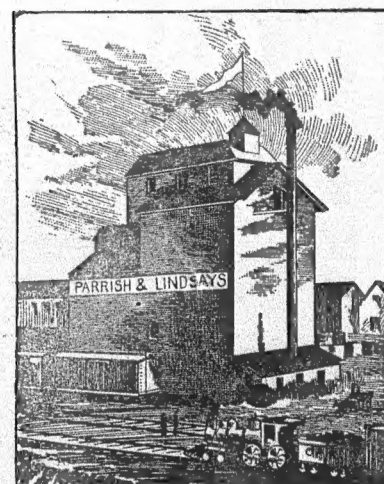
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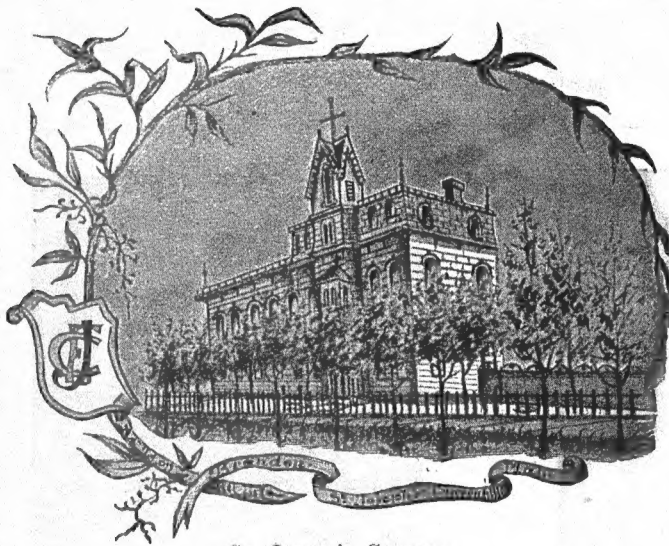
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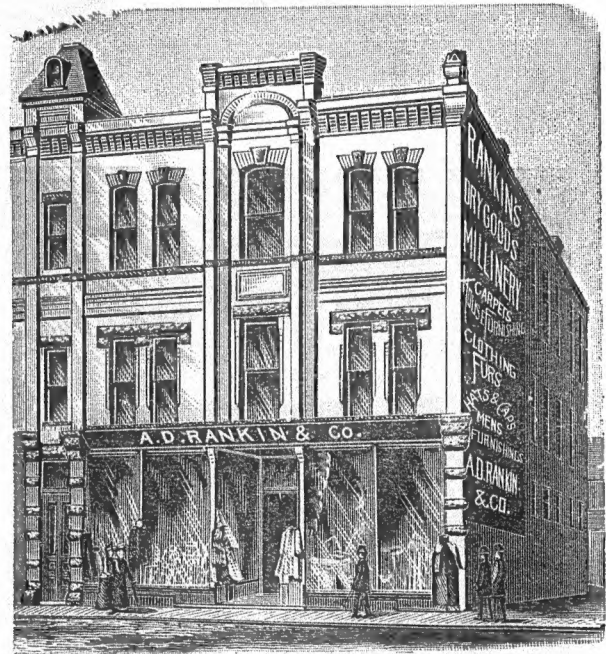
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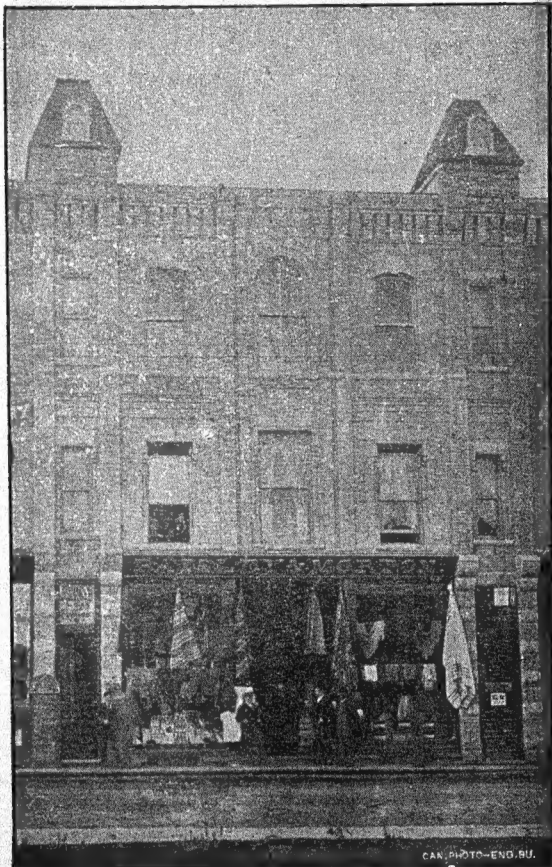
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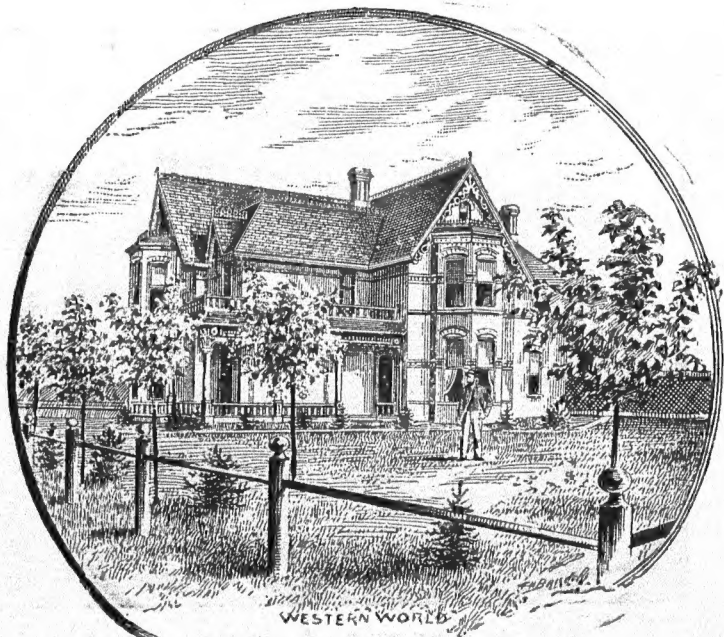
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A SPEECH

— DELIVERED BY —

MR. NICHOLAS FLOOD DAVIN, Q. C. M. P.,

— AT A BANQUET TENDERED TO —

HON. T. MAYNE DALY, MINISTER OF THE INTERIOR,

IN THE OPERA HALL, BRANDON, ON FRIDAY, NOV. 4TH, 1892.

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MR. DAVIN: I hesitate to obtrude myself on you at this hour (after twelve), nor should I do so, but that never before in my life have I stood before so representative a gathering of western yeomen. Another thing which overcomes my hesitation is this: My friend Mr. Ross, in the course of his able speech, touched the weakness of our parliamentary life, of our political life, of our political character—want of faith in Canada. (Hear, hear.) That is a subject of which I have so often thought, by which I have been so much pained, that, late as the hour is, I will venture to occupy your attention for a few moments. Another thing: as I sat here and listened to the graphic account given by my friend, the guest of the evening, of that exodus of more than eleven years ago, from Winnipeg to where we are now, my mind was stirred with thoughts which it may not be unuseful to express.

As I listened I thought that hardly any occasion could be more gratifying to me or to any western man with soul and imagination than the present. None could be more inspiring, (hear, hear from Mr. Whyte,) none more congenial to a Conservative, especially a Conservative member of Parliament who had fought under the banner of Sir John Macdonald, to pull down a Government which was honey-combed, rotten with that distrust of the great West of which my friend Mr. Ross spoke; and I may add if you will permit me, none more in accordance with the ideas of one who has never failed to advocate the advantage, the justice, nay the necessity, if the country is to progress, of having in the Government young and vigorous blood. (Cheers) For what are we assisting at? What do we see? A young

Canadian statesman who eleven years ago came to this country, a pioneer—like you, like myself a year later—just as the first breath of the civilized world broke on the untamed wilderness, banqueted in this fine Opera House, in this rising young city, wherein wherever you turn you hear the hum of advancing life and see evidence of improvements going forward, and on what occasion? On the occasion of His Excellency entrusting him with the most important department in the Government of Canada, and thus we are celebrating an incident peculiar to the most advanced civic life, where a few years ago the buffalo was grazing (cheers) and this in a hall sacred to those arts which mark the march of culture, arts which refine, elevate and stamp the civilized man. (cheers.) No scene could be more congenial to me as a Conservative politician who had taken the shilling under Sir John Macdonald, that great man who believed in the North-West and recognized it as the hope of Canada; who fought by his side and under his banner and never sheathed sword until the great victory of 1878; for if that Government which we pulled down had continued in power instead of having on this spot as you sometimes have operatic music, the only music that would have been possible would be the weary canticle of the bull-frog or the idyllic lowings of the buffalo for his mate, (laughter and cheers) Nor would there be a great agricultural community to give my honorable friend the right to sit in an assembly already second only to that august maternal Parliament which rises over the muddy Thames in venerable but untarnished splendour and progressive historic renown, (cheers.) I am not therefore surprised to see at this vast dinner men from every part of Manitoba and the centre of the North-

West. Brandon may well rejoice, the first city in Manitoba to give the country a Cabinet Minister, and indeed at this moment she may be imagined as a kind of festive capital, at her board the various western points and centres and interests, glad to see a genuine settler who had fairly and bravely thrown in his lot with the country made Minister. They come as it were to rejoice with you from many a haunt of enterprise, small in some cases, but big with hope, scattered between the Saskatchewan and the Souris; between the Red River and the Bow; from the low-lying flats of that rubric stream to those rocky hills which spurning the plain hide their sublime heads in the clouds. (Cheers.)

Sir as a member of Parliament, who has sat in Parliament with him since 1887, I hail my friend 'Tom Daly' as Minister of the Interior, (cheers.) As a North-West member I hail him in that position, believing that henceforth no strengthless hand will be laid to the administration of the affairs of this great western land and that fruitful methods will tear away whatever lets or hinders western progress; that especially we shall see an immigration policy which will solve the problem of bringing the millions from far congested lands—from Iceland to the Danube; from the Scotch Isles, from Scotland, from Ireland, from England, from Germany, from Scandinavia, in fine from wherever suitable emigrants are to be had, to where above all other countries they have the best chance of making for themselves happy and prosperous homes, (cheers.) We will look to him for a large expansive policy. We shall not expect great results in a year or two years, but in due time we will hold him to his bond and expect the success which is certain to follow wise schemes vigorously carried out. (Hear, hear.)

As citizens of Regina, my friends who are here with me—Mr. D. L. Scott, one of the leading lawyers of the Territories; Mr. J. A. MacCaul, the President of our Conservative Association; Mr. Dixie Watson, the embodiment of all that is most charming in social manhood—we come from the capital of the North-West Territories to honor our new minister; to express our confidence in him; and, if the conceit may be pardoned, you can fancy Regina standing up on her fertile plain, to touch glasses with this young city,

born under some well-omened star, this crown of pride of the immeasurable wheat fields, mixed farms, ranches, mid which, with slow but picturesque and fertilizing power the Assiniboine flows.

"Where by, mate marglus voiceless waters creep,"

giving you here in one of its fairest curves, for salubrity and beauty and all that can make up the topography of civic and domestic attractiveness, a site which may with confident justifiable pride challenge successful or at least overtopping rivalry. (Loud cheers.)

I have heard some objections to my honorable friend and the charge in one case is undoubtedly true. I know him well and I am about to give him away. He has been charged with being a stiff Conservative partizan. This is true. How could you expect other than that a Conservative politician coming from "the Wheat City" should prove No. 1 hard? (Great laughter and cheers.) Then his youth has been brought against him. But if I had to find fault with him on the score of age it would be on the ground that he is too old. (laughter.) This is no joke. I mean to say that here in Canada we have grossly, grievously erred by the exclusion of the energy, the hope, the dash, the confidence, the inspiration of youth and youthful minds from our counsels of Government. Talk of youth? Why before the age of the Minister of the Interior men have conquered nations; have wisely ruled great empires; have succeeded in every walk of life. He is past an age at which in all times and all countries men have been held eligible for the highest and most sacred trusts. We take our parliamentary institutions from England and what do they do there? Mr. Gladstone was a Lord of the Treasury at 25. He has proved himself a very great man; but he was then unproved. At 34 he was President of the Board of Trade. Mr. Pitt was a prime minister and Chancellor of the Exchequer at 23. Do you suppose with all his fine abilities he could obtain such a position with us at twice that age? Lord Palmerston, the greatest foreign minister and the best war minister England ever had was Secretary at war when only 25. He proved to be a great man; but who knew his greatness then? Any way, in a democratic country he would never have been credited with capacity and greatness at that age. Canning having spent his youth in liberal studies and written his poem "The Slavery of Greece"—took office at 26—and at 37 was Minister of Foreign Affairs. Lord Shelbourne was at the head of the Board of Trade at 26. Sir Robert Walpole entered office at 20 and became Secretary at war at 32. Sidney Herbert was only 25 when he entered Sir Robert Peel's first administration; at 31 he was Secretary of Admiralty; at 35 Secretary of War. Fox was only 33 when he became Secretary of State. Sir George Trevelyan when only 30 years of age became a Lord of the Admiralty. Thus out of eight cases that occur to me four held office at 25 or under, and all held the highest offices before forty; in fact seven before 35, and something like half held the

highest offices at 25. Such a thing would be scouted in our Democratic country to our shame. My honorable friend Mr. Daly spoke of that flag which has braved the battle and the breeze for a thousand years. Yes sir, that flag has been carried in triumph into every sea. There is hardly a country on the globe where under its fluttering inspiration heroes have not fought and fallen and seen the flying foe and raised the British trophy in the midst of the prostrate brave whose right hand was still for ever more. But what carried that flag in triumph round the globe? Was it the aged hand and the aged head? Nay, it was because the young daring heart of England had free play. (cheers.) I don't want to get rid of age. I want to see the wisdom of age and the vigour of youth though in truth the young are often wiser than the old, their thinking being undashed by the doubt and overcaution of advancing years. I want to see the counsel of venerable men married to the hopeful vigour of the young. (cheers.) Therefore I honor Sir John Abbott or Sir John Thompson or both or the whole Government for breaking away from the tradition of giving portfolios to men long past their prime, so that we have had candidates for Cabinets who might as appropriately have been candidates for coffins (laughter.) I mean to say there has been too much timidity in all Governments, though the pessimism of the Liberal party rises so vast that it might cast gloom and chill over even heroic spirits. The Grit party never believed in the Northwest. But why should their unbelief be allowed to discount the faith of that great Conservative party which is instinct with national aims? Every word Mr. Ross has said to you of the ignorance of this country, want of faith in this country especially among the Opposition is true; and our friends are too much afraid of the poor, penurious, pusillanimous, peddling, pea-shooting criticism—the McMullen artillery they have to face, (laughter.) Let such shoot away, but let us keep our eye on the beacon fires of progress which illuminate the future and light up this western sky and go right on. (cheers.)

But I forget I am speaking for the Parliament of Canada. I am an advocate. You know I was trained as a lawyer. But I seem to have forgotten the traditions of my profession. Well I have lately not been much with lawyers. As I grow older I grow better and I choose my company. (laughter.) Well then speaking for the Parliament of Canada I thank you on its behalf—and I can assure you it would be hard for you to do anything more pleasing to that Parliament than to banquet one of its most popular members. That Parliament has the grandest opportunities of almost any Parliament of which history offers a record. I am not sure that we always rise to the height of the great argument of Canada's possibilities. There is sometimes a want of breadth one would fain not see. Many of us seem to have no higher idea of our great opportunities and responsibilities than to pass from year

to year like shadows into those legislative halls, and sit there like phantoms of men, and like phantoms pass traceless away. To a few are given opportunities of being something more than shadows and my honorable friend—about whom indeed as I look at him at this moment there is nothing shadowy or phantasmal—(laughter)—has now entered the ranks of these and I hope and believe he will yet belong to that still smaller and selecter band, who rising above the smug enjoyment of what is called a title, and a stipend too large by hundreds per cent if they are unworthy, too small by equal ratios if they are worthy and fit, leave behind them deeds that will constrain the historian in distant years to pause, rub the dust of time from their forgotten graves, and say, here was a man, who in his day did that for Canada which entitles him to honorable mention on that scroll on which nations inscribe the names of their benefactors. (Cheers.)

Still no doubt much good work is done by all, though the pulsing song of the lark of broader mornings may strike the tympanums of but a few. Our people themselves are somewhat wanting. Canadians themselves are not conscious of Canada's greatness and Canada's future; but how can we—we who know the west, who stand here, who know what has been done in the last ten years, and who know also what might have been done, fail to realize that the portals of time have been thrown open to admit a new member into the family of nations? And depend on this in this great western land—in this great British colony we are destined to evolve a better type of man, a better kind of nation and that even a deeper and more expansive art than the world has yet seen will here call mankind to still higher things. (Great cheering.)

THE BRANDON GENERAL HOSPITAL.

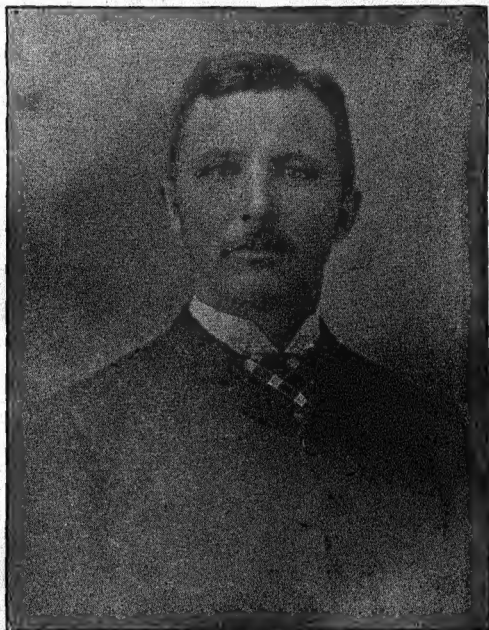
IF there is one institution in the city that the citizens feel more proud of than another it is the general hospital. They have a right to be proud of it for it is the outcome of a spontaneous wish on their part to lessen the sufferings and ills of their fellow mortals. The structure is built on a most suitable site in the north-eastern part of the city. It is a fine edifice, built in the most substantial manner and would do no discredit to a city of much more pretensions than Brandon. The total cost of the property has been \$23,000 of which there remains the sum of \$5,000 yet to be paid. The cost of the building has been made up of a \$6,000 grant from the City Council; a \$2,000 grant from the Local Government; various donations from various Municipalities in the western part of the province; the fees for life membership from the leading citizens of the city and from private and public donations. It will be thus seen that the institution is virtually a "home one," and therefore the more



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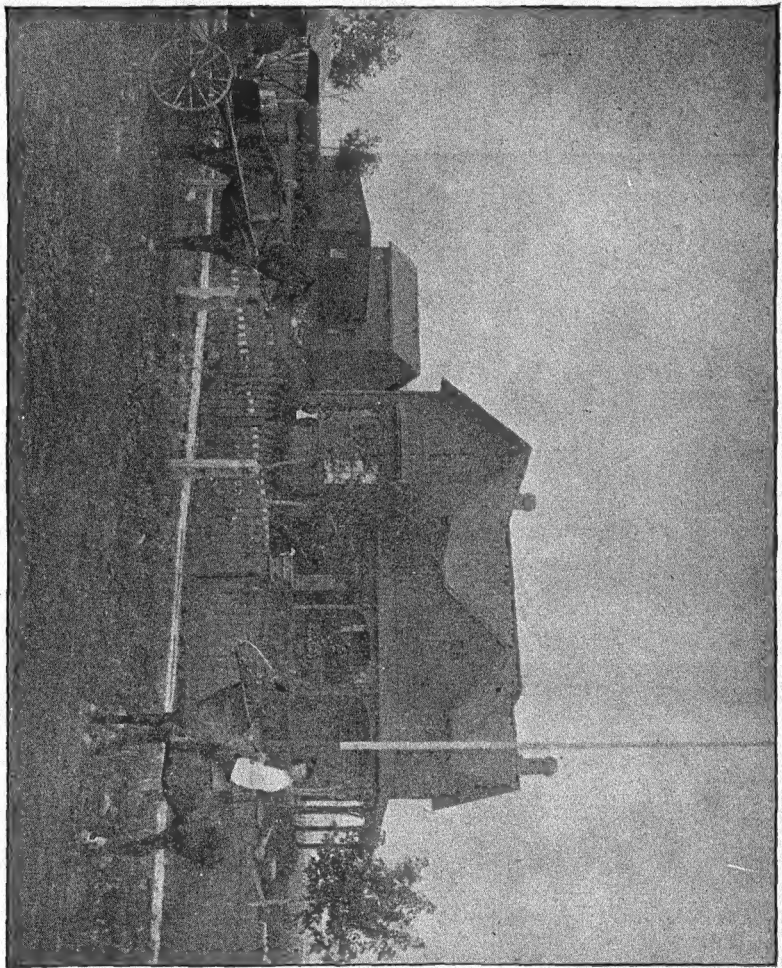


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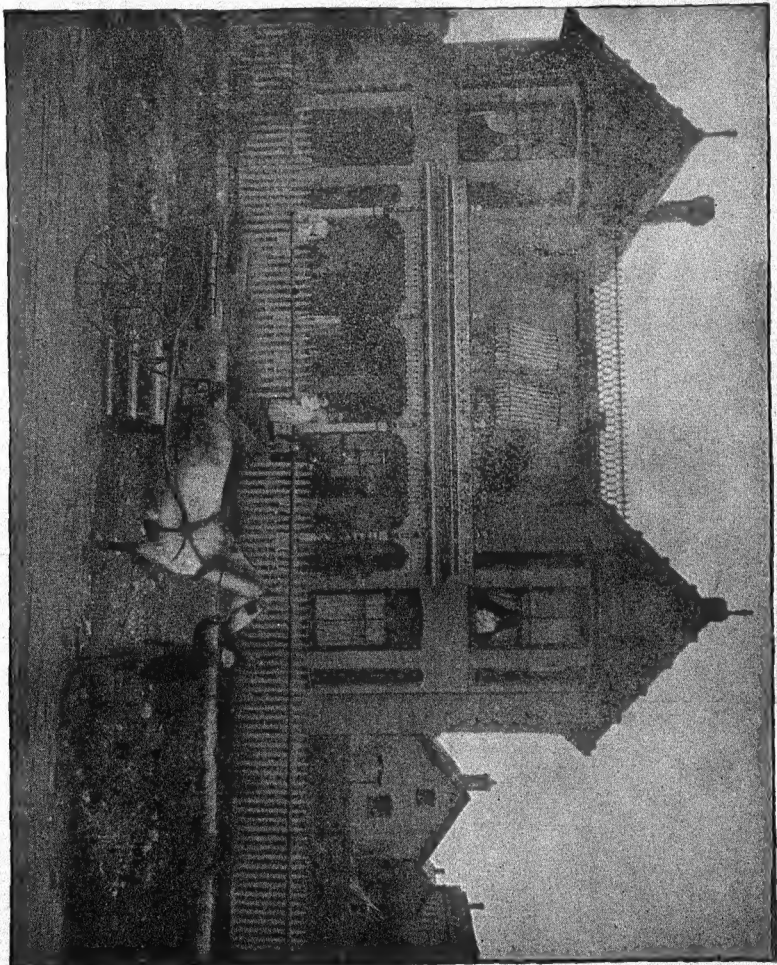


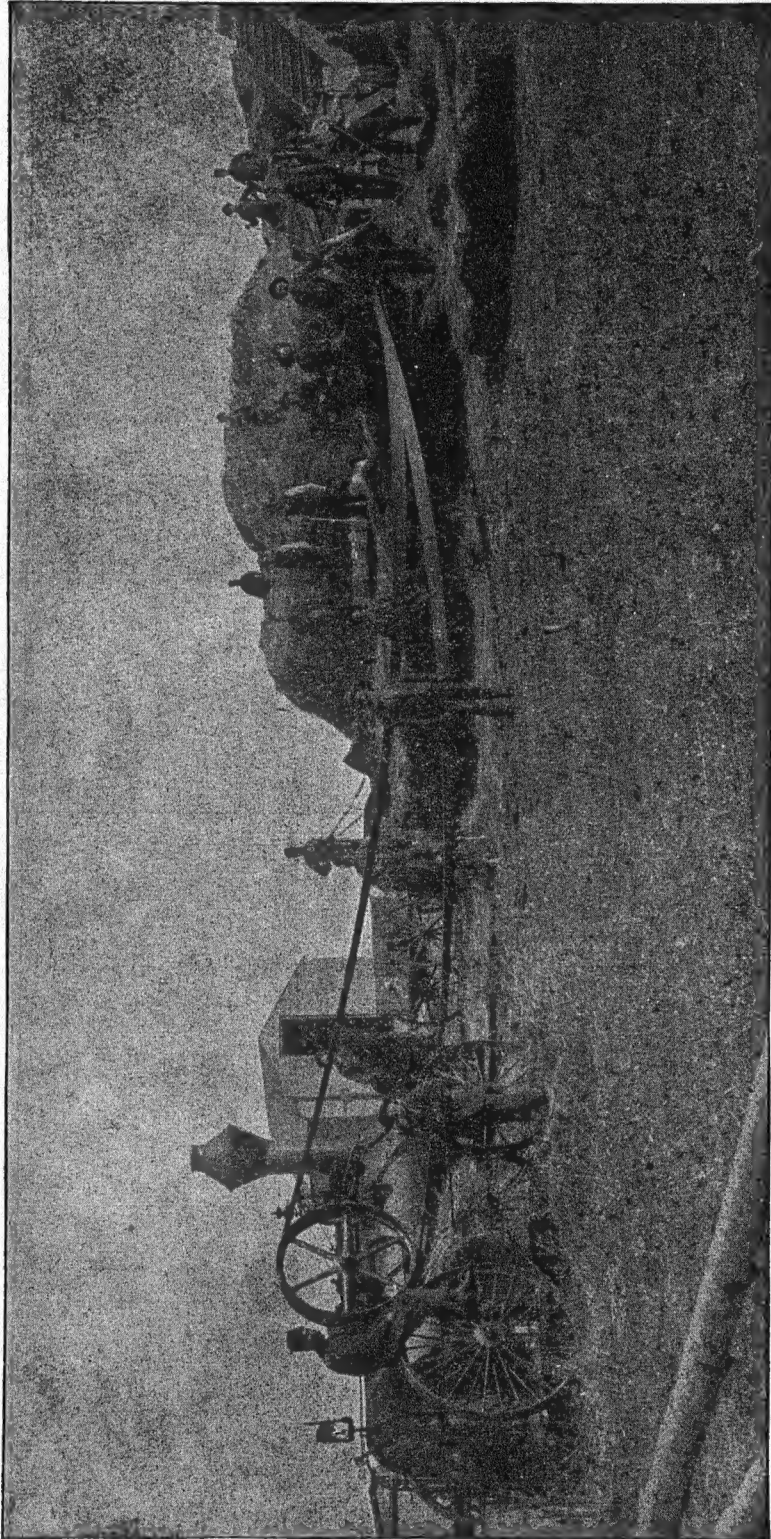
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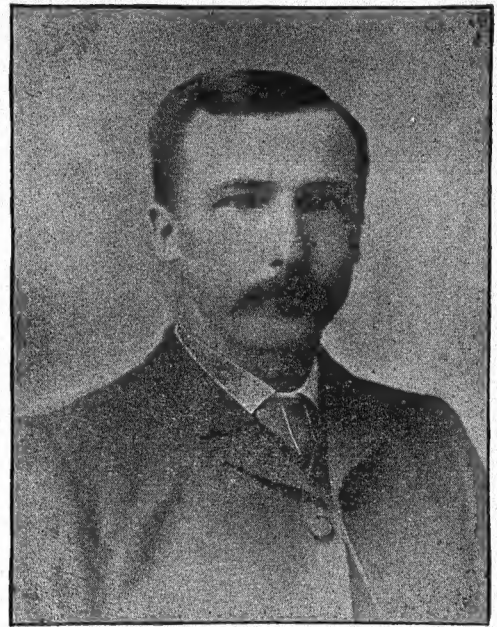


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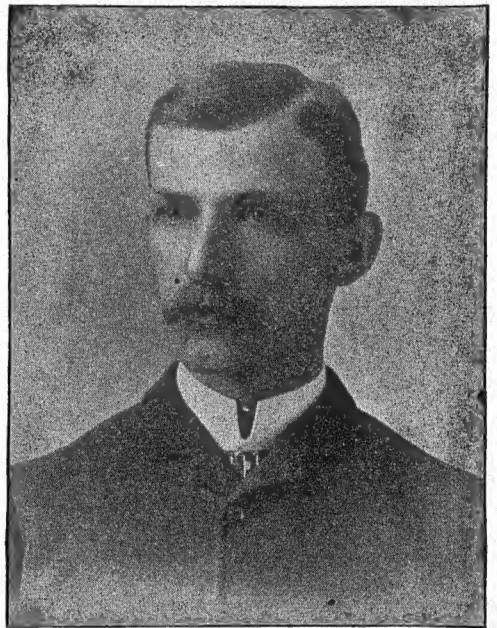




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worthy of the support of the citizens of the city and the surrounding districts. In connection with the latter we would say that the institution is worthy of a generous support from them as a look over the books show that fully one half of the patients so far treated therein have been from outside points. In subscribing towards the erection of the building these outside points have done nobly and it is to be hoped that they will not lose sight of the fact that it costs considerable to keep up the institution.

Accommodation is provided for 40 patients and since the opening last April there have been 180 patients treated. There is a feeling amongst the directors that in the near future further accommodation will be required in the shape of an isolated house for the treatment of infectious diseases and a nurses' home. It is sincerely to be hoped that when funds are asked for the erection of these that the response will be as hearty as was that for the erection of the main building.

Miss McVicar, the Lady Superintendent, is not only a thoroughly trained and skilled nurse, but is possessed of a natural and acquired qualities of heart and hand that make her the *beau ideal* of a sick nurse. She has at present under her supervision two trained and eight assistant nurses for hospital and private nursing.

The directors of the hospital for the present year are: Hon. J. W. Sifton; Dr. Fleming; John Dickson; C. A. Moor; John Dickenson; H. Meredith; A. Jukes; Hon. T. M. Daly, M. P.; Dr. Spencer; I. R. Strome; S. A. Bedford; E. S. Phillips; Dr. More; E. J. Barclay, Dr. McDiarmid, Dr. Macdonald and W. H. Shillinglaw.

THE EXPERIMENTAL FARM.

PRIOR to 1888 the province was without this necessary adjunct or aid to a farming community.

During the preceding year quite an agitation was gotten up by different cities and towns in the province as to securing its location in their vicinity. The contest finally narrowed down until Winnipeg and Brandon were only left in the field and the latter got it. The farm consists of 612 acres and is within the city limits. The work of improving it has been steadily going on since its purchase by the Government. There are now 250 acres under cultivation, there are six miles of fencing, 2 miles of gravelled road, 600 shade trees set out on the sides of the avenues and sixty thousand trees in the nursery. A few figures will show the extent of the good work done during the past season. There were 50 thousand trees distributed free to the farmers of the province, 320 farmers were supplied with seed grain; there were 350 plots, varying in size from 1/10 acre to 20 acres, in wheat, 180 plots in oats, 75 in barley, 32 in peas, 20 in beans, 44 in field roots, 110 in garden vegetables and 75 in grasses and fodder plants. Each of these plots require a dozen entries to be

made in a reference book. These entries not only show the date of seeding, the time of ripening, mode of cultivation but even the names of the vendors of the seed. Farmers and others have begun to find out that a great deal can be learned from a visit to the farm during the growing season as is evidenced by the fact that there were no less than 4,500 visitors to it during the past season.

The buildings erected are not only suitable for the purposes for which they were intended but are commodious and comfortable. The large barn has not only extensive room for horses, cattle and other animals but has in connection an extensive silo in which it has been proven that ensilage of the best quality can be kept during our most severe winters. In this same stable tests are continually being made on the relative value of different breeds of cattle for dairying purposes as well as the winter fattening of steers purchased from the farmers or butchers of the district. Last year's tests as to the value of different kinds of rations proved of great value to those who intend to go into that branch of farming.

On the farm there are thousands of experiments made annually not only with the different families of cereals but with hundreds of kinds of each. Strict records are kept by Superintendent Bedford as to the quality of soil on which each is sown, the time of sowing, the quality of the straw and grain the time of ripening and the yield. All this, published in pamphlet form, must prove of immense advantage to the farmers of the province who wish to take advantage of these experiments made for their particular benefit. Nor is this all of the benefits to be derived from the experiments in the cereals for any farmer in the province can send to the farm for samples of the grain for seed. Three pound samples are sent out free to all applicants while larger ones are sold to applicants at the regular market value of common grades.

The experiments in forestry alone would more than repay the whole cost of the farm. In this department of his work Mr. Bedford the genial superintendent, is perfectly at home as well as in the other branches of the business. Hundreds of thousands of seedling trees have been raised annually and are distributed free to all applicants. In this connection the experiments in the culture of fruit takes a leading place. The smaller fruit has been grown here, as well as in other parts of the province, in great perfection. With the larger varieties Mr. Bedford has not been quite so successful, but he does not despair of eventually overcoming the difficulties. It is to be hoped that his efforts will be crowned with success.

Thousands of farmers have visited the farm and it is not too much to say that hundreds of them have gone away with more enlarged and better views of the occupation in which they are engaged. The farm must always prove of immense advantage to the city. Hundreds of strangers stop off here to see it and each and all go away with an

exalted idea of what this district is capable of as an agricultural one.

To give an idea of how this experimental farm is looked upon by outsiders we would like to mention a few who have given an opinion. Some fifteen months ago an experienced agriculturist from Ontario visited it and in an article he had published in the *London Free Press* he expressed the opinion that if nothing more had been proven, by the experiments already made than that of showing the excellence of the indigenous grasses when properly cultivated, the whole outlay on the purchase and running of the farm had been more than recouped to the Dominion. A number of "Farmers Delegates" from the State of Michigan visited the farm during last harvest and there was not one of the lot of them but what said it needed nothing more to convince them of the fertility of the soil than the crops that were on the farm.

The citizens of Brandon feel proud of the Experimental Farm and they have good right to do so for it is worth a great deal to them. It is a standing advertisement for the district.

EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS.

NOTWITHSTANDING the hurry and bustle consequent on starting a new city like Brandon, at which time everyone is supposed to be looking out for himself, the educational interests of the youth of the embryo city were not lost sight of. Early in its history a school board was formed and in the fall of 1882 the large two story brick building on Tenth Street, now used by Professor McKee as an Academy, was erected. In a very few years the accommodation afforded by this was found insufficient and a large addition was added. This too was soon over-crowded and premises for the junior classes had to be rented. Still the juvenile population increased at such a ratio that it became absolutely necessary a few years ago to erect two large ward schools at a heavy expense. Even these only removed the pressure for a short time and the School Board found themselves last year under the necessity of purchasing a large block of land and commencing the erection of the new central school which has been completed this year. This—as will be seen by the cut on another column of this issue—is externally one of the finest buildings in the province. The interior arrangements are of the best and most approved style. The cost of the building alone was \$37,500. It contains 16 large class rooms, library, board room and a large basement furnished with furnaces of the Smead Dowd & Co. pattern. The health, comfort, cleanliness and convenience of both teachers and scholars have been carefully looked after in the planning and furnishing of this fine structure.

A few statistical facts will give an idea as to the work now being carried on. Outside readers will please bear in mind that we are now writing of a city on which there was

not a tent or a shack twelve years ago. There are at present 19 teachers employed—3 in the collegiate department and 16 in the public school department. This staff will have to be increased by one more for the collegiate on the 1st of January. The Board have also under consideration the opening of one or more rooms on the kindergarten system. The salaries of the present staff of teachers amounts to \$11,270 per annum. There are 1,100 pupils names on the register at present. Heretofore the pupils from the Brandon Collegiate have taken a high standing both at the examination of teachers as well as at the matriculation examinations at Winnipeg. It is confidently expected by those interested in school matters that under the new principal, Mr. G. D. Wilson, lately appointed that this standard will be kept up in the future.

PROF. MCKEE'S ACADEMY.

THE name of Professor McKee has become a household one in this western part of the province. Nature and early training have fitted him as an educationist in the highest sense of the term. Possessed of a large share of individuality and that much rarer characteristic of being able to impart instruction it is no wonder that he has proven himself a successful teacher and instructor of the young men and women who have attended his academy. Early in the '80's Mr. McKee, who had previously been engaged in the Woodstock, Ont., College, started an academy in Rapid City. His system of teaching and its success soon became well known and something over two years ago he decided to move to this city where he could launch out on a larger scale. Just here we would like to correct an erroneous impression that has got abroad in some quarters to the effect that Mr. McKee is being backed up by some denomination or organization. The Professor is "on his own hook" solely and alone. He early saw that there was a gap in our educational institutions that required to be filled and he took advantage of the opportunity. The Academy is designed to afford an opportunity to young men and women to acquire a first class education and whose early neglect would debar them, unless under humiliating circumstances, from entering the public institutions of the Province. That he has been eminently successful is shown by the fact that but one of his pupils of last year who offered themselves at the University and teachers examinations failed to pass. These examinations comprised Preliminary Medical entrance, Law and Teachers' certificates.

There are at present sixty pupils attending the various classes and this number will be greatly increased after the Christmas holidays. The Professor is at present ably assisted in his work by the following staff of teachers: Mr. E. Hamilton, B. A. of Toronto University, who is making a decid-

edly favorable impression as a thorough teacher. Mr. J. W. Matthews, a highly accomplished musician has charge of the vocal and instrumental music. His experience, training and his ability to teach all departments of music are already drawing many pupils to his classes. Miss Sinclair, doing the greater work in the Art classes, is a thoroughly accomplished teacher and the work of her class in painting, pencil and crayon drawing is of the highest order. Miss Glendenning takes charge of the Shorthand and Typewriting classes. Her standing as a teacher is well known in Brandon where she has been a teacher for the past few years.

The Literary Society in connection with the Academy holds a meeting every Friday evening. These meetings are not alone for amusement but are well calculated for training in work as will better fit the students to take part in public meetings.

The renting of the Central School building on Tenth Street has not only given Mr. McKee better facilities for teaching but has enabled him to start a boarding department where the students can obtain board at a minimum of cost. This department is specially under the supervision of the Professor himself, who, with his family reside in the building.

ST. JOSEPH'S CONVENT.

WRITE up of the educational institutions of the city would not be complete without some mention of the work carried on by the good sisters of the convent. There are at present 107 pupils receiving instruction in this school, of whom 24 are boarders. These latter comprise pupils from Regina, Qu' Appelle, Virden, Oak Lake, Hartney and Souris. The staff of teachers now number seven. In addition to the usual rudiments of an English education, there are taught music—both vocal and instrumental—drawing, painting and modern languages and last, but not by any means least, the almost lost art of needlework. The Lady Superior takes great pride in the progress made by the pupils and is only too pleased to show their handiwork to visitors. When required pupils are prepared for the teaching profession and at present there is a class being so prepared for the forthcoming examinations in the Territories. The building and grounds of this institution are beautifully situated and are well adapted for the purpose for which they are designed. A visitor on entering the portals of this sacred retreat is at once struck with the quiet and hush that prevails. One can hardly realize that there are such a large number of pupils being educated in the building as everything is so quiet and orderly. From what we saw and heard during a recent visit we are led to the opinion that the convent school is doing a good work, and we believe that members of the denomination could find no better place for the girls of their family to receive an education in the province.

SMITH & BURTON.

Wholesale Grocer and Provision Merchants occupy the large white-brick warehouse at the South East corner of Pacific Avenue and Eleventh Street. The building is among the best in the city, being 36x100 feet, two stories and high basement, and is fitted up with every convenience for the trade carried on. Large offices and sample rooms are to the right and left of the main entrance on Pacific Avenue, where a staff of clerks are always busily at work. These rooms are spacious, well ventilated and command a fine view of the valley of the Assiniboine. They are heated with hot air, lighted with electricity, carpeted, and handsomely furnished in heavy office style. A few steps at the rear of the entrance hall lead into the stock department, immediately to the right of which is a bonded warehouse for tobacco and cigars, the finest brands of these luxuries being always kept on hand. Staple goods of every description are also on this floor, meals of all kinds, evaporated California fruits, syrups in barrels, kegs and pails, soaps from the finest quality of toilet to the bars for laundry use, jams and jellies, butter, rice, sugars, etc., etc., and a large assortment of brooms and brushes, pails of every make, tubs, wash dishes, etc. Two large doors open from this floor to the shipping yard, and a large hoist assists materially in moving the goods from one floor to another. The first thing that greets the eye upon ascending to the second storey are the piles upon piles of tea chests directly imported from the tea growing lands. Special attention is being given to this line of goods, and neither expense nor trouble is spared to secure the best grades grown. The confectionery and fruit departments are also on this floor, and in the large packing room extending nearly across the front of the building are broken boxes of all the dainties kept in stock. The cellar is lighted with prismatic lights, and extends the whole length of the building. Not more than six degrees of frost have ever penetrated its walls, and all kinds of perishable goods can be stored in its depths without fear of spoiling. A fine array of canned goods are here in stock, another line in which the members of the firm take a special pride. Pickles, sauces, cheese, mince meat, etc., etc., are all here in abundance.

THE LOST GAMEO,

A MANITOBA CHRISTMAS TALE.

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DIXI.

MRS. SMITH-WARDEN'S drawing room were literally overflowing with the feminine representatives of New York's "Four Hundred," and, in a cosy corner of the music room, a little apart from the afternoon crush, sat two young ladies deep in conversation. They formed a striking contrast as they sat together on the low divan: Virginia Maury, a stately Southern brunette from the land of old Virginia, her oval face lighted with large green-grey eyes, her sweet, serious mouth, and her soft silky black hair curling carelessly over her high white forehead, and little Clare Boucher, with her merry, piquant face, her laughing blue eyes and sunny chestnut curls. They had always been friends, even in nursery days, and now as they talked in low tones together of pleasures to come, the word Manitoba winged its way from the corner to the spot where Mrs. Smith-Warden was standing, and Mrs. Smith-Warden turning a moment from her other guests, peeped through the curtains and said in an undertone "stay to dinner girls, George and I want to hear about that Manitoba trip and no one else will be here unless George brings Gerard Yorke," and, without waiting for an answer she was soon lost in the drawing room crush.

"Now let us hear about this wild-goose chase of yours Clare," said Mr. Smith-Warden as they gathered in the snugger after dinner, "for I know it is your idea to go to that outlandish place for Christmas and of course you cannot go without dragging Geanie along with you. Let's hear the whole story, come now, no backing out," as Clare looked inquiringly at Virginia.

"Indeed it is no wild goose chase we are going on but a man-hunt, Geanie's man-hunt too, it is Geanie's trip, and I am going to look after her; how lovely to know that you can make a mistake, and to think that Geanie is the goose-chaser instead of me. I adore you for that Geanie and I feel inches taller in my newly acquired superiority," and Clare stood on tip-toe and peered into her saucy eyes reflected in the mantle mirror.

"You tell the story Geanie and I'll help you out when words fail you," she continued, as she settled herself comfortably again in the depths of a cosy arm-chair.

"Yes Miss Maury, let us hear all about it," said Gerard Yorke as he put down the paper and drew his chair nearer to the fire. "Cousin Ella is not here yet. Yes, here she comes." As Mrs. Smith-Warden appeared. "Are we safe from interruption cousin Ella?"

"I am not at home this evening, and we can have a regular old-fashioned chat. Thank you Gerard, but I will sit beside Geanie." Now let us hear all about it.

"There is really very little to tell. You remember Grace Howard that English girl whose Uncle was Minister or Consul or something out here? Clare and I went to school with her in Baltimore. She was only out here a year and when she went back to England we vowed eternal friendship and promised to visit her at her home; we did see her again, in Rome two years afterwards when we were doing the continent with old Mrs. Pennyworth for chaperone; you remember Clare?"

"Remember? I should think I do,—what fun we had;—why she was with—, but go

on Geanie, George has given me such an uncomplimentary pinch that I haven't the heart to say any more."

"Never mind Clare you'll get a chance before the evening's over. You met her in Rome and what then?"

"Yes we met her in Rome, she was eighteen then, and a regular English girl, her nationality could never be mistaken; cold as an icicle to those she did not know, but warm hearted and generous to her friends—and such an enthusiast. She was with her mother but we had not been there long before a young English gentleman appeared upon the scene, a splendidly built, fine looking man with quantities of family and no money; his name was Reginald Traveras—then a whole alphabet of initials ending with Atherton. Grace called him Regie, and the rest of his name did not seem to trouble him. They were madly in love with each other and made no secret of it, and morning after morning we four used to meet together to discuss ways and means by which they might marry, while Mrs. Pennyworth and Grace's mother did Rome. At first Clare and I used to betake ourselves off when Regie put in an appearance but he and Grace always followed us and asked our advice, and, as they did not seem to consider us in the way, we soon became accustomed to the English courting, and gave our opinions as freely as they were asked. We went to Norway and Sweden for the summer, and when we got to England on our way home we found that Grace and Regie had married and were on their way to Manitoba where one of the numerous kinsfolk, whose name Regie carried in initial, shape had taken up land for him and where Regie hoped to get more by squatting or homesteading or some such thing, Mrs. Howard did not know exactly what it was, but she said it was a splendid thing to do, and with the beautiful estate the kinsman had given and the possibility of taking all the land that no one else had taken, Regie and Grace would be wealthy in a few years. It was November when we came home and mother had some of our Texas cousins staying with her, so that I could not accept the invitation to spend Christmas with Grace that I found awaiting me but I wrote and told her that if possible I would go to see her the next year—that is this year. Then a strange thing happened. We were talking at supper one evening and the conversation turned to our European trip, and by degrees wandered on to Manitoba. Cousin Rube had left the table and was standing at the window turning around a ring that he always wore on his little finger. It was a habit he had whenever he was thinking deeply—a pastime he indulged in almost to a degree of laziness, but when we began to talk of Manitoba, he came back to the table and appeared to be almost interested in what we were saying. After supper was finished and I was putting on my hat to take Grace's letter to the post office Cousin Rube came into the hall and invited himself to walk down with me. You know Cousin Rube—a second cousin of mother's and yet a Maury; he has lived in Texas for years and is a most confirmed old bachelor and almost a woman hater. He never took any notice of me by any chance, so his invitation to walk to the office was a great condescension. He was very grumpy all the way there and my efforts to please him met with no suc-

cess. But instead of turning homeward after the letter was posted, he went on towards the river and I followed. There is an old stone seat there just above the rapids, and he turned around when we reached it and said promptly, "Sit there Virginia," which I did. Then he sat down.

"You are going to Manitoba" he said.

"Not until next year."

"But you are going?"

"Yes, if nothing prevents me."

"Nothing will prevent you. You must do something for me." I wondered what he meant for he sat looking at the ring on his finger. "See this ring!" he said, and I looked at it closely. It was a large Cameo, the head of Jupiter cut in pinkish stone upon a cream ground. The setting was very old fashioned, thin, light gold, very much carved, and on the under side (for Cousin Rube had taken it off) was an inscription. But see, here it is, and Virginia took from her neck a fine gold chain from which was suspended the ring just described. They each looked at it in silence, and when it was handed to her again she put it on the third finger of her left hand and began to turn it just as she had said her Cousin did.

"After I had looked at the ring" she continued, Cousin Rube said abruptly "the ring is yours until you find the owner. It will do you no good, but you must keep it, and when you find the owner give it to him, he is somewhere in Manitoba." And that was all he said, and the next day he went off to Texas without saying a word to mother or anyone else, and I put the ring on the chain you saw me take it off, and bye and bye the incident passed out of my mind, for I would not mention it to mother for fear she would be alarmed. Last week I had a note from Cousin Rube written from San Antonio containing these few words. "Go to Manitoba. Wear the ring on the third finger of your left hand. Give it to its owner," and signed Reuben Maury. So I am going to Manitoba, and Clare is going with me, and here is the ring on the third finger of my left hand. I await the owner. There was silence for a few moments when Virginia stopped and she sat looking into the fire her fingers slowly turning the ring.

"Well, with all deference to Cousin Rube, I think he is a jackass," said George Smith-Warden getting up from his chair and shaking himself like a Newfoundland dog just out of the water, "go to Manitoba and see those English turtle-doves, but don't bother your head about the ring. Bosh, Reuben Maury is crazy! Give us some music Ella, something lively, that's it," as his wife began a spirited schottische, "now Geanie, come and dance away those serious looks." "Let me see the ring for a moment Miss Maury," said Gerard Yorke as he was leaving the room. "It is strange it seems familiar," but I am sure I never saw it before."

It took a week to get ready, for both Virginia and Clare were at a loss to know what to take with them.

"Furs of course" Clare said "heavy furs you know. Our short seal-skins will be of no use, we need something that will cover us all over with a hood to pull over our heads like the pictures of the Esquimaux driving the reindeer over the snow. You know Canada is always cold, ugh—the very name sends a shiver through me—and Manitoba is away north somewhere near Alaska. I know it is further north than those blizzards in Dakota and people freeze to death and blow to death and do terrible things even there."

"I really don't know what you should get," said Mrs. Smith-Warden to whom they had come in their dilemma, but surely with those thick English tweed dresses with the chamouis lining your seal coats would be heavy enough, if they are not not you will probably be able to get something suitable there. I have read of the Hudson Bay Trading Posts where things are sold to the Indians and it would be quite novel to buy your heavy wraps from them. What have

you got for your feet?" "Old blind Jane is knitting me some thick stockings to wear with some kind of moccasins made of skin—Geanie has been re ding about them, and she says we need some kind of snow-shoes, things that look like flat boats to keep us from sinking in the snow, but we have tried all over New York for them and peop'e never heard of them."

"You can get those at the trading post too, I would not bother about them until I got there. Have you got all the beads and colored wools and things that you are going to take to the Indians?"

"Geanie had them packed this morning, a large trunk full, and then we have another trunk of blankets and robes, some hot water bags and foot warmers and—well, everything we could think of. Geanie says not to take too many trunks for fear we cannot get the Indians to carry them all, for she says Grace had an awful time getting all her things, it was months before they all arrived, so we will just take one each, besides our grips and shawl straps."

And so their trunks were packed and their tickets bought and at five o'clock they were to take the train for Montreal and now nothing was to be done but to discuss luncheon and to sit in the time until the train left. Every relation Clare had appeared at the depot, so she said, "to see me off to the North Pole, and I'll bring everyone of them an Indian relic or an icicle, and, as for myself I hope to captivate an Indian Chief, and to be queen of the Esquimaux before many moons are over, and then, farewell to morbid civilization."

"What is it?" Turning to Gerard Yorke who touched her arm.

"I want to speak to you a moment Clare."

"Well, speak then, I've stopped."

"Not here, I want to speak to you alone."

"Oh Gerard, you are not going to bother me again just as I am going away too? It's too bad, but come along I'll walk to the end of the depot with you."

So they walked along together but Gerard did not speak. "There you are just saying nothing and keeping on saying it when I want to get back to the others, do hurry up Gerard, if I were a man I'd be a man and not keep a girl waiting to hear what you are going to say when she knows all the time what it is."

"What is your answer then Clare?"

"It's just what it has always been. How tiresome you are, here I have a chance of meeting an Indian Chief and no end of English titles and things and you come along with your plain Master and ask me to be the feminine of it, its really cruel Gerard Yorke, why don't you wait until I get back, and then if there's no one else perhaps I'll consider. Well, you can kiss me if no one's looking, but hurry up. Where did you say your cousin was? Plum Creek, I guess. I'll remember that. There, the door is open. Now good-bye. Really Gerard." But Gerard held her back for a moment.

"Tell me darling that you are sorry to leave me."

"Oh Gerard," but the voice quivered a little and as she broke away to join the others, she hastily rubbed her handkerchief across her eyes, but she did not look around until she reached the door, and when she turned her eyes met Gerard's, and in that look he read his answer, and with happy face and joyous step he strode out of the depot.

It was a long journey and a tiresome journey. For more than two days nothing was to be seen but gaunt naked trees interspersed with immense bowlders. No towns, no villages, occasionally a little cluster of houses but oftener a lonely station house. There were very few passengers on the train, the travel being all the other way the Conductor said, and the two girls thought that at last they had reached the land of nowhere peopled by nobody. "We should be in Winnipeg to-morrow morning

ladies," the Conductor said, "but it has begun to blow a bit and if the snow drifts on to the track we will be kept back." And sure enough next morning the train had lost time. It snowed and blew and the wind howled over and under and around the cars until Clare declared they would blow off the track. The windows were covered with frost and they could see nothing of the country through which they were passing, so all day long they sat around the car trying every seat for variety, a thing they had done every day since they started, and when it was nearly mid-night as they were dozing off into oblivion the porter began to look up their bags and brush their clothes, while the Conductor came to assure them that Winnipeg was at hand, and, "if you will allow me ladies, I will put you into a sleigh and have you taken to the best hotel in the place."

"I hope we will get our blankets," said Clare "for we have nothing else to sleep on" but the Conductor did not seem to understand, and left them to wonder how they would manage.

Everything looked bright as they got off the train and then hurried across the platform into the covered sleigh.

"Just give me your cheeks and I'll have your traps sent up," said the Conductor as he told the driver to go ahead.

"Now then our adventure has commenced," said Clare squeezing Geanie's arm. What fun we will have fixing our own beds and looking after ourselves. I can just imagine the expression of holy horror in Annette's eyes when she hears of me lacing my own shoes and brushing my own hair, but we have gotten along splendidly so far."

The sleigh stopped and the driver opened the door and helped the girls out.

"Just get right inside and go through the door to yer left and I'll git yer traps."

And following his directions Virginia and Clare found themselves in a beautiful reception room, and a moment afterwards a liveried boy appeared with a card and pencil on a silver salver and asked for their names, and then returned to take them to their rooms.

"Will you have some supper ladies?" "He asked as he was leaving."

"Yes, yes, bring us anything" and then Clare sank into a high arm-chair and turned to look at Virginia.

"Our blankets Geanie!" And then she burst into a merry fit of laughter in which Geanie joined.

"And this in Manitoba? Look at these rooms, Geanie, it's a fraud—this is awful, it's grand, it's better than any hotel I have ever been in." And she jumped up and began to investigate. "A sitting room, a bed room, a bath room, and such big rooms too! Now what about our blankets?"

"We may want them yet this is just the opening you know, we may need them before we get to Souris."

Delicious bread and butter, cold prairie chicken and a generous salad, with rich creamy cocoa compensated somewhat for their disappointment, and before long they were wrapt in peaceful slumbers lulled on by the opening notes of a Manitoba blizzard.

To one gentleman they had brought a letter of introduction, Mr. Rosin, manager of one of the banks, and after breakfast a messenger was dispatched with it and their cards.

He came to see them in the afternoon, and learning whether they were bound, advised them to stay a day or two in Winnipeg to see something of the city.

"Mrs. Rosin will call to see you, and we will do what we can to make your stay pleasant." So the girls agreed to stay and before long Mrs. Rosin arrived and took them out for a sleigh drive.

"I have invited a few friends in to dinner this evening and will be delighted if you will come too," she said as they were driv-

ing through Fort Rouge.

"We would like to go Mrs. Rosin," said Clare, "but the truth is Manitoba is not just what we expected, and I am afraid we have nothing to wear. Geanie have you anything at all?"

"Never mind your dresses, this is not a conventional country, and everyone understands that travellers do not carry dinner dresses in their valises, we will be delighted to see you any way, and I'll send for you at seven."

So the girls repaired in silence to their room and solemnly opened their trunks to see what best befitted the occasion, and with such good fortune was their search attended that no two lovelier or more becomingly dressed maidens ever graced a Winnipeg dining table.

It was a small dinner-party, and to Virginia's lot fell a tall military looking man with straight black hair, large brown eyes, and a slight mustache half hiding a rather weak mouth. Mr. Oldarn, known to his friends as "Paul," was a fair type of the ordinary drawing-room gentleman and dinner party filler-up. He sang a little, played a little and did other lady-like things besides asserting his manhood by the title of Lieutenant of a volunteer regiment. Clare would have talked to him, for Clare talked to everyone, but Virginia completely forgot him after she had answered his stock-in-trade questions in regard to her views of the country, and whether she liked music. She had never thought of her ring until that night from the time she had told its story in Ella Smith-Warden's songery and had been roused from what serious thoughts she might have had about it by her cousin's merry schottische. She could not tell why she thought of it to-night or why Ruben Maury's words rang so persistently in her ears, "Go to Manitoba. Wear the ring on the third finger of your left hand. Give it to its owner." She forgot the dinner table, forgot the guests, forgot everything but the ring which she was turning slowly round and round with the thumb and finger of her right hand. Suddenly she became conscious of someone looking at her. She raised her eyes and to the right of her hostess she saw a man she had not noticed before, a thin, round shouldered man with grizzly hair and heavy overhanging eye brows which generally concealed a pair of small, black, close set eyes. She saw no further for the eye-brows were raised and the beady, cunning eyes were fixed upon her, then they fastened themselves upon the ring of her left hand, which she had raised a little, then went back to her eyes again.

Virginia was a girl who had never known fear, but a horrible trembling sensation came over her which she tried to shake off. She felt an aversion to the man, yet she could not take her eyes from him, he seemed to hold them as in a vice. The other guests were talking and laughing quite oblivious to the under play going on at the same table, and Virginia and the cunning man were as much alone as though no one else were in the room.

"Mr. York will be there at any rate, will you not Mr. York?" And Mrs. Rosin turned to her right. His eye-brows lowered and Virginia drew a sigh of relief. It was as though some terrible night-mare was over. She did not hear his answer, and the conversation became general. Mrs. Rosin rose from the table, and Virginia, the last to leave the room, felt something touch her left hand as she passed out of the door; she looked around; the man with the cunning eyes held it open.

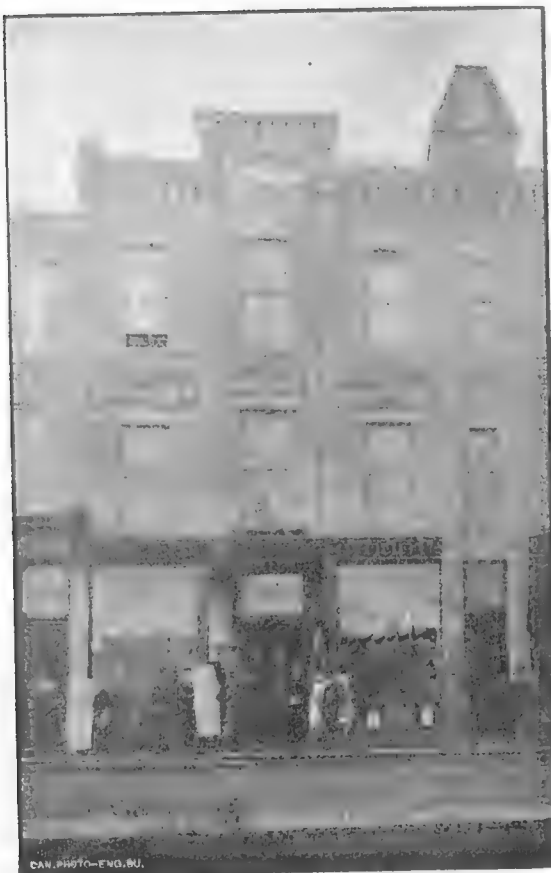
Clare was in high spirits when they got back to the hotel. We can stay for two more days can't we Geanie? To-morrow night the Appolo club is to give a concert and that splendid violinist who used to be in the Mendelssohn Quintette Club is to play, he lives here, and I do want to see how he looks in Manitoba, and the next night there



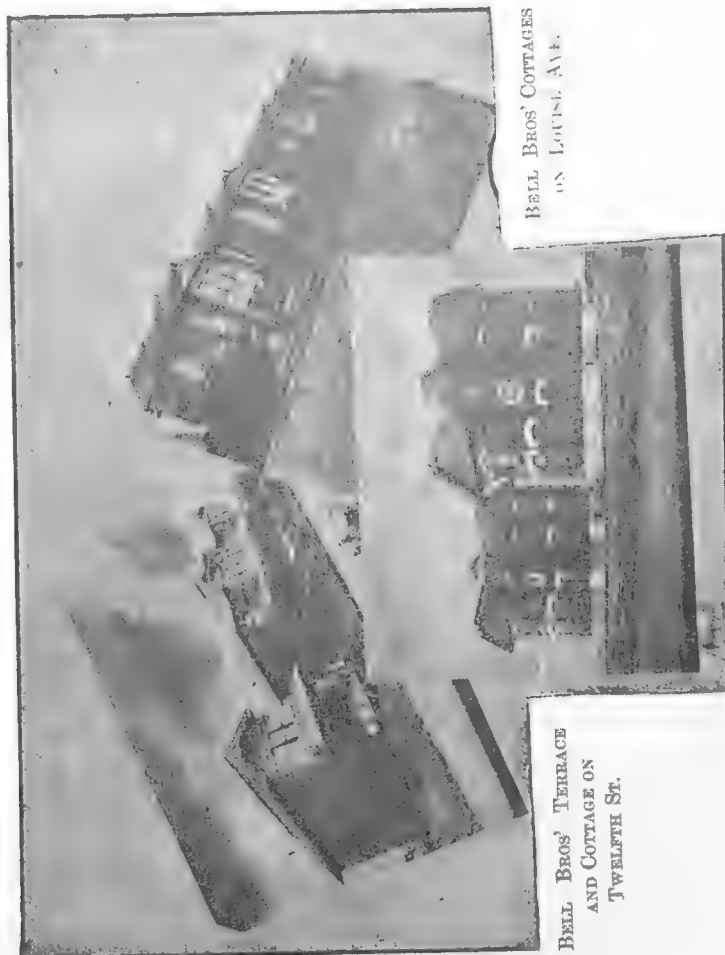
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is to be a grand ball right in the hotel here and we must stay to that. You heard what they said at dinner? And Mrs. Rosin is going with us to see about our dresses to-morrow. She says the Hudson Bay is a good place, and how she laughed when I told her about the buffalo coats and snow shoes we were going to buy there, and here our first purchase will be ball dresses. But what's the matter Queen Geanie? You look so sad. You are nearly always quiet. But to-night you look positively sad, what is it? You did not leave a Gerard Yorke behind to, and then merry Clare burst in to tears."

"Clare, my darling little Clare whatever is the matter? Don't cry dear, I know it must be very hard but I am sure it will all come right, just a moment ago you were so bright and now you are in tears," and Virginia put her arms around the little Clare and drew her close to her until the curly head rested on her shoulder.

"It's such a long time coming Geanie," sobbed Clare, "Papa won't hear of it, and if he knew that I ever saw Gerard he would turn him out of the office, and then what would my poor boy do? I never see him anywhere but at Ebe's and then I never look at him, and it just breaks my heart, for he thinks I don't care for him, and I do. I love him better than anyone in the world. You think he knows I do? He should be rich, he says something's the matter that he does not understand and I he had to come to this country to work, and so had his cousin, he is at a place called Plum Creek up here and I am to see him and ask him some questions. And Oh Geanie I get so tired waiting, and so home sick for Gerard! Money is the only thing that is the matter, but Papa says he won't leave me a cent if I marry Gerard, and he will turn Gerard out of the office if he marries me, so whether I marry him or not I seem to bring him bad luck" and Clare sobbed in silence as she thought of her hard fate, and Geanie's eyes were filled with tears as she stooped to kiss her good night.

PART II.

The ball was perfectly grand Geanie, why did you leave the room so early? Such lovely music and lovely floor and lovely supper! Oh it was all lovely! And that Mr. Oldarn was there in his soldier's clothes, he danced like a stick, but he looked handsome. And that old grizzly close-eyes was there too. I danced a square dance with him and you would have thought I was Webster's dictionary or an encyclopedia he asked me so many questions. He is very much interested in you. He is going as far as Brandon to-morrow and says perhaps he'll go on to Souris. I told him we were going to stay over at Brandon to see that play that Mr. Oldarn is going to superintend, and he said he would be there too. Why, what is the matter Geanie, you look like a sheet?

"Nothing, only I don't feel very well. What is that man's name Clare?"

"It's York only he doesn't spell it with an 'e.' I was going to ask him if he knew Gerard's cousin but I felt as if it were wicked to mention my dear old boy's name to him, for he looks so cunning—and, and, I can't explain—but I don't like his face."

"Neither do I," said Virginia earnestly.

"You Geanie? Why I didn't think you would take fancies like that; but I am glad you don't like him, for it seems to me he fancies you too much."

Virginia could not sleep, she tossed from side to side, until, afraid of waking Clare she arose, and, putting on her dressing gown lay down on the couch. That horrid man's eyes seemed to haunt her; he had been at the concert, at lunch she raised her eyes to find his fixed upon her and then again in the ball room. She would not alarm Clare, so she slipped up to her room. It's that ring she said to herself, he wants it and he will not get it. Towards morning she dozed off into a sleep in which she dreamed

of a pair of cunning beady eyes fastened together with a cameo ring on which was the name YORKE and a half erased inscription. So vivid was the dream that when she awakened she slipped the ring off her hand and looked at it more closely than she had ever done before, she could make out only a faint mark but taking a little magnifying glass from her pocket she saw distinctly YORKE written in fine script, just as she had seen it in her dreams.

The journey to Brandon was not a pleasant one to Virginia for Mr. York seemed to constitute himself guardian of the young ladies, and Clare, seeing how Virginia avoided him kept him by the self, much to Paul Oldarn's disappointment, for pretty, bright little New York girls with plenty of money did not fall in his way every day, and having a high opinion of his—as he thought—in estimable charms, he had already begun to build massive castles of his next year's goings in New York city. But Clare kept Mr. York beside her, she would not let him go, and Paul was forced to sit beside the silent Virginia.

Mr. Rosin had written to friends of his in Brandon to meet the two girls so they were spared going to the same hotel as Mr. York, and Virginia hoped, as they drove off in the cutter that they had seen the last of him.

Not so Mr. York, after the play, at which he had not been able to get near Virginia, he sat in his room at the Langman with tightly drawn lips and a look in his eye that boded good to no one. "I'll teach her he hissed between his teeth, ten years I've been after that ring and it will be mine yet, but I did not expect to find it so easy—ha, ha, ha, a ring on a girl's hand, and she without a friend in Manitoba!"

He got up and pressed the electric button—"Call me for the Souris train to-morrow" he said when the porter appeared, and then he disappeared for the night.

"Now young ladies if you will take my advice you will not go to Souris on the train this morning, it has been blowing and snowing hard all night, and you may not reach there for three days" said Mr. Burke at the breakfast table next morning, "you see I feel responsible for you for my old friend Rosin's sake, to say nothing of the interest I feel in you yourselves, and I think the best thing to do is to wait over for a couple of days until the track is clear—what do you say Molly?" turning to his wife who was busy pouring out coffee at the other end of the table.

"What do the young ladies say?" replied Mrs. Burke.

A bare looked at Virginia "just as Geanie says, but the day after to-morrow will be Christmas."

"Well, what do you say Miss Maury?" asked Mrs. Burke.

"I would like to be in Souris for Christmas; that is what we came up for, and I am afraid Mrs. Atherton will be disappointed as we would if we did not get there."

"I'm sure she would" said Mrs. Burke, "she was talking about it the last time she was in Brandon, and was going to make great preparations for you and I know just how I would feel if I were in her place."

"Well we might drive over: Yes that is just what we will do. It will likely settle by to-morrow, and we will start in the morning and then I'll be home again at night for my Christmas with you Molly. And now if you want to see something of our little city run and put on your wraps while I telephone for a sleigh and we will enjoy life while we can. You might ask a few of our old bachelors in for a dance this evening, if their bones are not too stiff for such caperings, and I'll just see to the young ladies myself," and Mr. Burke hastily swallowed his hot coffee and betook himself to the telephone.

"Clare I've discovered something" said

Virginia as they were putting on their chambray lined tweeds for their drive.

"What is it Queen Geanie?"

"That Manitobans are the most kind-hearted, hospitable people in the world—and the most unconventional! Don't you think so?"

"We have certainly found them so, I like everyone of them but that Mr. York, and I guess he isn't a Manitoban."

"No he's an American," and both girls laughed.

The next morning was perfect, not a cloud in the sky, not a breath of wind the thermometer registered ten below zero and no day could be more propitious for a twenty-five mile drive. Virginia and Clare had taken what clothes they required in their valises, and their trunks were to be sent down by the next train. Mr. Burke was to drive them, and sitting beside him in the big bob sleigh was Paul Oldarn.

"Just going for a pleasure drive he said" as he helped Clare into the sleigh, but the fetching look that accompanied his words was lost for Clare was nodding good bye to Mrs. Burke who stood at the window watching them set off.

Early in the afternoon they reached Souris, and, as the sleigh drew up at the door of the Transit house Mr. Burke hailed a man who was driving to an elevator near by on a load of grain.

"Hello there," he shouted, "you are the very man I want I've got a regular Christmas load for you."

The man turned his horses and drove over to the hotel. Virginia and Clare had a good view of him as he came up, and Clare whispered "Something Manitoban at last" as she glanced at his costume for he wore a short buckskin jacket long leggings, moccasins on his feet and an old coon cap pulled well down over his ears. "I declare, this is a treat," he exclaimed as he caught sight of the girls, and pulling up his horses he jumped out of the sleigh and grasped Virginia's hand, shaking her arm until it dropped listlessly at her side. "And Clare, too, well Clare will be charmed, she was awfully put up when you did not turn up yesterday."

"Now you young ladies come right into the hotel and have dinner while Atherton gets rid of his load, and then you will be ready to drive back with him."

Regie Atherton found them sitting around the stove in the upstairs sitting room when he came back, and by that time Clare had found her tongue and was talking for the trio.

"Where is Mr. Oldarn Clare?" asked Virginia as they were putting on their wraps to go out with Regie, "he did not have dinner with us."

"Mr. Oldarn" she said musingly, "he has answers where. I tell you what I'm thinking of doing Geanie, that is pleasuring myself 'RESPOKE' for that look that was very uncomfortable during the last hour of my drive, and anyway I have conscientious scruples about bringing young men out in the cold."

"This air has the effect of a glass of champagne" said Clare as they were driving over the trail with Regie "it's a pleasure to live I'm sure I could never get the blues away out here. Just look Geanie there is not a thing to be seen, not a tree, not a fence—just snow, snow, snow like the Arctic ocean, and yet it is perfectly lovely, only the sun and the snow together hurt my eyes a little."

"You are right about not getting the blues said Regie, "Grace is her own maid of all-work and I am stable boy and general factotum, we have very few comforts and no luxuries, but we would not go back to England if we could, but behold our castle, and a hearty welcome to 'Prairie Shanty.'"

And the girls peeped out from among the robes in the back of the sleigh to see where they were.

"I don't see any house, said Virginia.

"Well here we are" and Regie pulled up his horses in front of a 14x16 log shanty. The door opened and Grace's smiling face appeared on the threshold.

"Gee, Clare!" she cried "have you really come! and she hugged and kissed the girls in turn. "Oh, this is too good, come right into the house, and she led the way in and shut the door. It was the tiniest room, but Grace had fitted it up prettily with her English treasures. On the log walls hung a few good pictures, and one end of the room was fitted up with shelves on which rested Regie's library. Pretty rugs covered the floor, and over the doors hung rich tapestry portiers. A cabinet filled with rare china was fastened between the two windows, and a small toll-top desk almost filled one end of the room. Virginia and Clare did not see all these things at first they were too much bewildered with the lovely interior of the funny little shanty and then their bedroom was another revelation. A ladderlike stair led to it from the room in the lean-to. The walls were covered with colored plates from the illustrated magazines, the floor was stained and a few pieces of bright carpets were laid here and there. The furniture was all home-made, even to the bed, and the room was heated by a drum from the room below. It had taken Grace Atherton a long time to furnish that room and fit it up, for the work was nearly all her own, and she had not many spare moments, but the girls' exclamation of surprise and delight for the pretty pictures and the dainty white furniture repaid her for all the trouble she had taken. "You dear girls she said, it is so lovely to see you again, but I must run and get tea ready, and come down when you feel like it. This is Liberty Hall, and you are to do as you please."

By the next morning Virginia and Clare felt quite at home, they had visited the cows, horses, hens and pigs, had washed and dried the dishes, Clare had swept out the sitting room, and made the beds, while Virginia was taking her first lesson in cooking.

"We are going to have our Christmas dinner at four o'clock, and two gentlemen are coming out, both the same name, but no relation," Grace said at breakfast after Christmas greetings had been exchanged. "Why did you ask the old one Regie?"

"My dear," he asked himself, it seems unkind to say so, but he told me he was coming when I met him at the train yesterday, and I told him we would be delighted to see him; that was right, was it not?"

"Oh yes" said Grace, but in the secrecy of the kitchen she confessed that she was very sorry.

The guests arrived in good time, and Clare was deputed to do the entertaining while Grace and Virginia put the finishing touches to the table and dished the dinner.

The three men were in the sitting room when Clare went in.

"Mr. York of Winnipeg, and Mr. Tom Yorke of Plum Creek" said Regie as Clare entered the room.

"I have had the pleasure of meeting Mr. York of Winnipeg," she said graciously as she extended her hand, and you, "Mr. Tom Yorke of Plum Creek I have known for even a longer time."

She sat down beside Tom, and Mr. York and Regie began the discussion of the weight, grades and price of wheat soon forgot about the other two.

Tom Yorke was a handsome man, his face was burned and tanned by ten years exposure to the Manitoba climate, and his hands were brown and hardened with toil, he looked about thirty-five, but in reality he was not more than twenty-eight. In figure he was tall and well made, and Clare felt no surprise in meeting him.

"Gerard told me I would see you she said, you live in Plum Creek. Where is Plum Creek?"

"In Souris, Souris and Plum Creek are

one and the same place."

And then she told him all about Gerard "he told me to ask you some questions but here are Grace and Regie, and I will ask them after dinner."

There are instances in the world where a man and a woman meeting for the first time feel that they have always known each other, more than that they feel that they have always loved each other; no other woman has attracted the man, no other man has attracted the woman, they have been waiting for one another. When Tom and Virginia saw each other this feeling came over them, as their hands met a responsive cord was touched as they looked into each other's eyes, they both understood. No word was spoken, but Tom Yorke and Virginia Maury had pledged their troth on the altar of Heaven.

Virginia shook hands with Mr. York but his eyes had lost their power to effect her, something undefinably exquisite had crept into her heart, and there was no room for fear.

It was a merry dinner—a regular Manitoba Christmas dinner where venison and prairie game supplied the old English turkey and where the plum pudding blazed as it only can blaze in the fresh, clean air of a prairie country. Mr. York fixed his eyes on Virginia, but she did not see him, he even spoke to her about her ring, but she did not hear him. Tom Yorke was beside her, how could such a man have power over her? A lovely smile played around her lips, her cheeks were like the side of a sun-kissed peach her eyes were lowered and the long lashes swept her cheeks.

"Isn't Gerie lovely?" Clare whispered but no one answered.

Everything comes to an end and the Atherton dinner was finished.

"I will help you Grace" Virginia said, and the two set to work while Clare asked Tom, Gerard's questions.

"What is the something; why are you not rich?"

And Tom told how a precious cameo was the key to the Yorke estates. "It came into our family in the time of Elizabeth, it was brought from Virginia. To every heir to the estates this cameo was given and the eldest of an eldest child always succeeded, whether it was a man or a woman. For generations this cameo passed from hand to hand. It was made into a ring and on it was inscribed *Only by this Cameo can a Yorke claim his estate*, and every Yorke was compelled to make a will saying that should his successor not present the cameo, the estates would go to the crown until such a time as the cameo was presented. My grandfather had three children, the eldest a daughter the other two twin sons. To the daughter was given the ring, as she was heir to the estates. She was an eccentric woman and travelled all over with no companion but her maid.

Her last trip was to America and the last we heard of her was in Texas. That was twenty years ago. My grandfather died and my father went to Texas to find her but there was nothing but a grave, she had died of fever. My Uncle, Gerard's Father was in India and did not trouble his head much about the estates he did not hear of my aunt's disappearance, and death, that is why Gerard knows nothing about it. His father died suddenly when Gerard was a mere boy and from college he was sent to America to seek his fortune. We learned that the ring had been given to a Virginian to keep it from an impostor, a man who had married my aunt's maid and called himself York in order to get possession of the ring and claim the estate. That was ten years ago, and my father returned to Texas to find the Virginian, but contracted a low fever there and died. I had just come to Manitoba, and have been so poor that I have not been able to look for the Virginian, but he is an honest man and someday we will

get the ring, and then we will claim our estates, for Gerard and I are joint heirs."

Clare had listened almost breathlessly to Tom's story. Gerard really would have something. "If only the cameo could be found" she murmured.

But two others had been listening to Tom and as he finished Virginia slipped the ring off her finger, and walking over to Tom, passed it in his hand. Not a word was said and Mr. York the other listener seeing what she had done slipped out of the room. For ten years he had searched for the ring, and just as he is about to grasp it, it was given to its owner.

Clare, jubilant with the news, danced out to tell Grace and Regie, and Tom and Virginia were left alone.

One long look, and Tom's strong arms enveloped her. "My Queen, my Queen, at last we have met," and in that first embrace those thoughts too sacred for words were understood.

Reuben Maury came all the way from Texas to attend the double wedding that was celebrated in the old Episcopal church in the little Virginia village the next April. George and Eliza Smith Warden were there, for George said that after seeing the famous result of Gerie's man-hunt, he felt that he owed Cousin Reuben an apology for any uncomplimentary thoughts he might have had about him and a wedding breakfast was a good place to smooth out difficulties. A score of Bouchers arrived the evening before, when Clare's father was laid in his praises of his future son-in-law. Maury appeared from all corners of the state and Tom and Gerard Yorke, the sole representatives of that old English family completed the wedding party.

Mr. and Mrs. Tomson Yorke, and Mr. and Mrs. Gerard Yorke were among the passengers on one of the English steamers that sailed the week following the wedding, and as Cousin Reuben was standing on the dock bidding good-bye to Virginia, he said, in that abrupt manner in which he had first spoken of the ring. "Marion Yorke was to have been my wife. She gave me the ring before she died. I kept it for fear that scoundrel York would get it. When her brother came to Texas I was in Virginia, he died before I got back, I did not know the son was in Manitoba until you came back from Europe. I could not hunt him up there. Good-bye and God bless you, I will go over to see you in Marion's home tomorrow."

THE END

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The Elevator as shown is situated on 6th Street, and operated by Sinclair & Co., who do a large coarse grain and feed trade, principally oats, barley and feed wheat. The grain is taken in here from farmers, elevated, cleaned and sacked fit for shipment. They ship largely to various points in the province, also to British Columbia and Ontario. The firm also do a heavy fuel business and last winter imported and sold in Brandon over 2,100 tons of the celebrated Cross Creek Lehigh Coal and over 200 cars wood over the N. P. & M., or in all over 30 train loads of 300 tons each. One of the members of this firm, Mr. John Keddy, was elected Alderman for Ward No. 1 by acclamation at the recent Municipal elections.

CITY OF BRANDON.

A RESUME OF ITS EARLY HISTORY.

THIS YEAR'S IMPROVEMENTS OVERTOPS THOSE OF ANY OTHER SINCE ITS FIRST SETTLEMENT.

The "Blue Hills of Brandon" situated a few miles to the south of the present site of the city and the "Brandon House," or Hudson Bay Company's Post, to the east on the Assiniboine played an important part in the history of that part of the Great Northwest long before it became an integral part of the Dominion of Canada. Traders, both half breeds and Indians from the West and South west invariably took the trail to the south of the Assiniboine river. This trail which is still traceable through the unsettled portions of the city was the means of communication between Lake Superior and the Rocky Mountains. Old traders tell us that a herd, sometimes of even days and weeks, was made, prior to crossing the Assiniboine took a short distance below where the C. P. Railway bridge now crosses the river, east of the city. The first white settlers to locate in the immediate neighborhood of the city were the Rev. George Redick and the sons of his family that he brought with him from Nova Scotia. Some of these settled at the foot of the hills to the south, others took up homesteads north of Grand Valley and one family (the Stewarts) took up theirs on what is now the Experimental Farm. This was a few years prior to changing the route of the Canadian transcontinental railway from the route laid down some seventeen miles north of the city and consequently before the present city of Brandon was thought of. On the present C. P. R. company acquiring the line in 1880 this change was decided on but it was not until the spring of 1881 that the speculators, who had closely followed up the company's surveyors, became aware that a town site would be laid out here. During the winter 1881 and '81 Grand Valley was looked upon as the site of the future city of the plains, and few who did not take part in it could now credit the stories of the rush that was made to that point. A disagreement between the owner of the Grand Valley property and the C. P. R. decided the question as to the site of the future city and Brandon was chosen.

As early as the 25th of March 1881, Mr. Sidney Hobbs—now one of the proprietors of the Merchant's Hotel—and his then partner Mr. E. W. Lox, who were then keeping a store at Grand Valley, erected a shanty on the S. E. quarter of section 24 and made claim for the same. This was the first building erected on the south side of the river on the present site. During the first week of May of the same year a boarding house was erected by contractor W. D. Matheson for the use of his men.

The late Mr. Adamson—father of Mr. Robert Adamson, banker of Virden—was the next to build a shanty. By the 2nd of July of the same year a goodly number of those who had commenced business at Grand Valley, as well as outside capitalists, had come to the conclusion that Brandon had a bright future before it and had pitched their tents in the vicinity of the present site of the flouring mill of Messrs. Alexander,

Kelly & Co and on the higher ground to the south thereof. On the day named the writer with a number of others stood for hours in front of the Pioneer Store waiting to get a few loaves from the first batch of bakers bread manufactured in the embryo city. The store and bakery were owned by Mr. D. C. Stewart, late manager of Messrs. Codville & Thompson's wholesale store, and Mr. R. M. Coon's now doing business in Eikhorn. All communication with the outside world was carried on by means of the river steamboats and the now almost forgotten Red River cars. During the fall of 1881 the first train over the C. P. R. reached the city and an impetus was given to its growth which has never been checked.

Unlike other urban centres in the Province, Brandon was not cursed with the evils of the boom of '89 and '91 and from the afore mentioned small beginnings has year by year steadily increased in material wealth and prosperity. Who of all the old timers of '81 could, or did, foresee that in a little over eleven years the city could have reached its present size and prosperity. From a waste piece of prairie has sprung up a community blessed with and enjoying all the modern helps of civilization. From the few shacks and tents erected in 1881 we have in 1892 buildings erected and permanent improvements made to the value of \$664,430. Handsome blocks of stores, costly public buildings and comfortable residences that would do credit to any city of the Dominion. The greater part of these have been built by those who have made their money in the city and who have unbounded faith in its future. It is rare to find a man who has been in Brandon for the past half dozen years but what has become imbued with the same belief as had that of the old timers who bavi g east in their lot with the founders of the city have aided in every way to advance its interests.

Following is a list of buildings erected in the city during the year with cost of same.

EAST OF FIRST STREET.

Frank Clegg, iron plate cottage	\$1,000	
Mrs. Struthers, story and a half frame dwelling	500	
Joseph Jackson, story and a half frame dwelling	700	2,200
In sums less than \$300		1,200

IMPROVEMENTS ON OLD.

Brandon General Hospital	2,500	
John Brown, imp. and add.	300	
In sums less than \$300	750	
Merchants Bank Improvements on four houses	400	6,450
		9,850

FIRST STREET.

Geo. Halliday, 1½ story frame dwelling and stable	1,100	
Sinclair & Co., 2, 1½ story frame dwellings	2,100	
Chas. Hall, frame cottage	750	
R. L. Kennedy, 2 story frame dwelling	3,000	
M. C. Brower, brick cottage	1,500	8,450

In sums less than \$300	990	
Improvements on old in less than \$300	850	
Total		10,200

SECOND STREET.

Wm. Kidd, 1½ story frame dwelling	700	
Hon. Jas. A. Smith, two story frame dwelling	2,400	
Archie Campbell, one, two story frame dwelling	1,100	
John McFadden, one two story frame dwelling	800	
James Shinniff, one two story frame dwelling	1,500	6,800
In sums less than \$300		750

IMPROVEMENTS ON OLD.

Geo. Aske, improvements and additions	350	
In sums less than \$300	650	1,000
Total		8,550

THIRD STREET.

Harry Eggleston, 1½ story frame dwelling	600	
In sums less than \$300	750	1,350

IMPROVEMENTS ON OLD.

Jas. McNichol improvements and additions	550	
Philip McKenzie, improvements and additions	300	
In sums less than \$300	850	1,500
Total		2,850

FOURTH STREET.

J. W. Fleming, two story frame dwelling	3,250	
H. Quackenbush, 1½ story frame dwelling	750	
John Scott, 2 story brick dwelling	3,250	
J. Hyndman, two frame dwellings	2,200	
Mellivide & Lau, ice house	1,500	
In sums less than \$300	1,000	11,950
Improvements in sums less than \$300		1,200
Total		12,150

FIFTH STREET.

John Richards, two story brick dwelling	3,000	
Robt. Crawford, 1½ story frame dwelling	750	
Joseph Quinn, two story frame dwelling	1,500	
In sums less than \$300	1,400	6,650

IMPROVEMENTS ON OLD.

John Keddy, improvements and additions	200	
In sums less than \$300	1,200	1,700
Total		8,350

SIXTH STREET.

Joseph Quinn, brick baking house and barn	3,000	
H. Bradford, veneered store	1,500	
W. H. Merritt, double 2½ story brick dwelling	6,500	
Thos. A. Kelly, 1½ story frame dwelling	1,400	
Mr. Purdon, two, 1½ story frame dwellings	2,500	
F. T. Cope, brick residence and brick barn	8,000	
William Martin, 1½ story frame dwelling	1,500	
In small sums less than \$300	1,250	24,650

IMPROVEMENTS ON OLD.

Legar House, improvements	650	
In sums less than \$300	1,750	2,400
Total		27,050

SEVENTH STREET.

Thos. Smart, two story frame dwelling	1,100	
James Stewart, 1½ story frame dwelling	650	

Allan Cameron, brick cottage	400	
Mr. Bartlett, frame cottage	400	
Hunter & Adolphe, 1½ story frame dwelling	650	
James Kirkaldy, 2 story brick dwelling	2,500	
Andrew Kelly, 2 frame dwellings	2,000	
In sums less than \$300	1,400	9,100
Improvements on old in sums less than \$300	1,250	
Total	10,350	

EIGHTH STREET.

P. D. Barreger, frame store	800	
F. T. Cope, planing mill	12,000	
D. C. McKinnon, wing to Palace Hotel	7,500	
R. Henderson, Cameron, two story brick dwellings	3,000	
In sums less than \$300	1,050	24,350

IMPROVEMENTS ON OLD.

Archy Milloy, addition to Pacific hotel	3,500	
D. C. McKinnon, improvements	350	
David Shirriff, improvements on old dwelling	850	
In sums less than \$300	1,300	6,000
Total	39,350	

NINTH STREET.

Smith & Shirriff, brick terrace of three houses	5,000	
In sums less than \$300	850	5,850

IMPROVEMENTS ON OLD.

Smith & Taylor, improvements on store	800	
F. Boisseau, improvements and additions to Grand View Congregational church improvements	3,000	
In sums less than \$300	1,500	7,000
Total	12,850	

TENTH STREET.

John Cameron, two story brick dwelling and barn	3,000	
Jas. Simmonds, 1½ story frame dwelling	1,800	
R. Crompton, 1½ story frame dwelling	1,000	
Geo. Gowler, 1½ story frame dwelling	1,000	
C. A. Turley, frame cottage	650	
John Binger, frame barn	300	
J. Symington, 1½ story frame dwelling	900	
In sums less than \$300	1,400	\$10,050

IMPROVEMENTS ON OLD.

Hobb & Reynolds, improvements on Merchant's hotel	300	
Holland & Maine, improvements on Brunswick	300	
Electric Light Coy, improvements and additions	4,500	
Dr. Fleming, improvements on old store	350	
Jas. Graham, improvements on dwelling	400	
John Hearn, improvements	350	
In sums less than \$300	1,750	7,950
Total	18,000	

ELEVENTH STREET.

William Herbert frame cottage	500	
Dan Kitchen, 2 story brick residence	1,500	
J. Symington, two, 2 story brick residences	3,000	
M. McKenzie, 1½ story frame residence	1,300	
Mr. Davidson, 1½ story frame residence	1,300	
James Forbes, 2 story brick residence	2,000	
Bell, Bros, three, 2 story brick residences	6,500	

E. L. Christie, two, 1½ story frame residences	2,000	
Mr. Driver, two 1½ story frame residences	2,000	
Charlie Miller, one, 1½ story frame residence	1,000	
Mrs. M. Taylor, one two story brick residence	2,500	
Albert Stark, one, 2 story brick veneer residence	1,800	
In sums less than \$300	1,600	27,050

IMPROVEMENTS ON OLD.

F. and W. Lissamin, reconstruction	300	
In sums less than \$300	1,500	1,800
Total		\$28,800

TWELFTH STREET.

A. C. Fraser, one, two story frame residence	1,300	
John McKelvie, one, 1½ story frame residence	700	
E. J. Daniels, one, 1½ story frame residence	1,200	
Mrs. Galloway, brick cottage	1,200	
Wm. Gill, 1½ story brick dwelling	1,500	
Thos. Sharpe, 2 story brick dwelling	3,000	
C. H. Charleston, frame cottage	700	
In sums less than \$300	1,200	10,800

IMPROVEMENTS ON OLD.

John Waite, improvements and additions	600	
J. Nealon, improvements on Langman	1,500	
J. Cameron, improvements on dwelling and shop	300	
Thos. Lee, improvements and additions	650	
In sums less than \$300	1,500	4,550
Total		15,350

THIRTEENTH STREET.

J. Magnusson, 1½ story frame dwelling	650	
Miss Huston, 1½ story brick dwelling	2,000	
Wm. Enn's, 1½ story frame dwelling	350	
R. Purvis, 1½ story concrete dwelling	1,800	
J. M. Robinson, 2 story brick dwelling	3,500	
R. Hall, 2 story brick residence complete	7,500	
Chas. Gardner, 1½ story frame dwelling	750	
J. Brown, 2 story frame boarding house	2,500	
Caleb Shoebridge brick dwelling house	1,000	
In sums smaller than \$300	1,250	21,300

IMPROVEMENTS ON OLD.

Joseph M. Robinson, finishing last year's	500	
John Empoy, improvements on two houses	600	
In sums less than \$300	1,000	2,100
Total		23,400

FOURTEENTH STREET.

H. Begg, brick veneer residence	850	
W. White, brick veneer residence	1,200	
In sums less than \$300	650	2,700

IMPROVEMENTS ON OLD.

In sums less than \$300	1,100	1,100
Total		3,800

FIFTEENTH STREET.

R. G. Macdonald, 2 story		
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frame residence	2,500	
F. J. Chubb, 2 story brick residence, complete with hot water system	4,000	
James Lang, frame cottage	550	
Mr. Morris, 1½ story frame dwelling	700	
W. Gray, 2 story brick veneer dwelling	2,000	
In sums less than \$300	1,290	
Total		10,950

IMPROVEMENTS ON OLD.

F. J. Chubb, finishing four brick cottages	500	
In sums less than \$300	1,000	1,500
Total		12,450

SIXTEENTH STREET.

David Shirriff, frame residence	1,000	
In sums less than \$300	750	2,350

IMPROVEMENTS ON OLD.

In sums less than \$300	650	650
Total		3,000

EIGHTEENTH STREET.

Hon. Jas. A. Swart, 2 story farm residence	3,000	
Dr. Spencer, brick terrace houses	7,500	
In sums less than \$300	450	
Total		12,950

WEST OF 18TH STREET.

W. F. Henson, 3 story brick residence	1,500	
Judge Walker, improvements on residence and barn	1,500	
In sums less than \$300	750	
Total		6,750

NORTH OF C. P. R. TRACK.

J. E. Smith, large stock barn	6,000	
A. Emoy, frame cottage	850	
R. Craig, " house	350	
P. F. Francis, frame house	400	
J. A. Moor, 2 story warehouse	5,000	
John Clarke, frame dwelling	1,000	
H. Berner, " "	600	
Hanbury & McNee, new stable	400	
" " 4 frame houses	4,000	
J. A. Christie, office, stable and improvements on mill	1,500	
In sums less than \$300	1,800	21,000

IMPROVEMENTS ON OLD.

Alexander, Kelly & Co., improvements on mill	3,500	
Hanbury & McNee, improvements on factory	400	
In sums less than \$300	1,500	5,400
Total		27,350

ROSSER AVENUE.

N. J. Halpin, Brick block	\$ 7,500	
Daly & Coldwell, " " 3 stores	16,000	
H. L. Christie, " "	15,000	
C. E. Miller, " "	15,000	
Burchill & Howey, " "	2,500	
J. Laplont, " " 2 stores	7,500	
Syndicate Block, brick, 92x120, 3 stories and basement, 5 stores, St. Louis cut stone	60,000	
W. A. Macdonald, Brick block	5,000	
Bell Bros, " " 3 stories	35,000	
J. Dallas, Frame dwelling	500	
In sums less than \$300	750	
Total		\$165,250

IMPROVEMENTS ON OLD.

Fred James, on Queens Hotel	\$ 400	
Somerville & Co., on marble works, factory and dwelling	1,000	3,900
To sums less than \$300	2,500	
Total		\$169,150



VIEW OF BRANDON, 1891.



ROSSER AVE. EAST, LOOKING WEST FROM 8TH ST.



BRANDON SUMMER FAIR.



NEW CITY HALL.



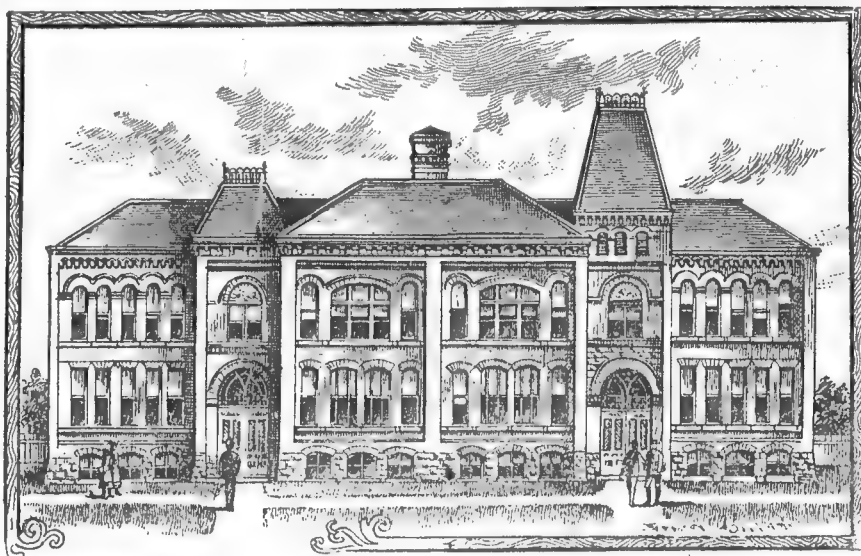
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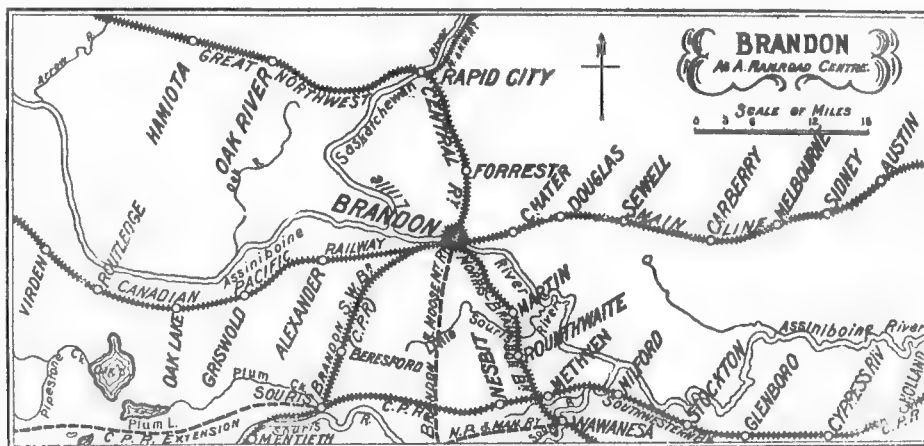
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NEW CENTRAL SCHOOL.



SECTIONAL MAP OF MANITOBA.



THE SYNDICATE BLOCK, BUILT 1892.



EX-ALD. R. A. EDGAR'S RESIDENCE.



HON. J. A. SMART.



EX-MAYOR A. KELLY.



RESIDENCE OF W. A. MACDONALD, M. P. P.



ALD. J. A. CHRISTIE'S RESIDENCE.



ALD. J. A. CHRISTIE.



ALD. JOHN HANBURY.



ALD. J. HANBURY'S RESIDENCE.



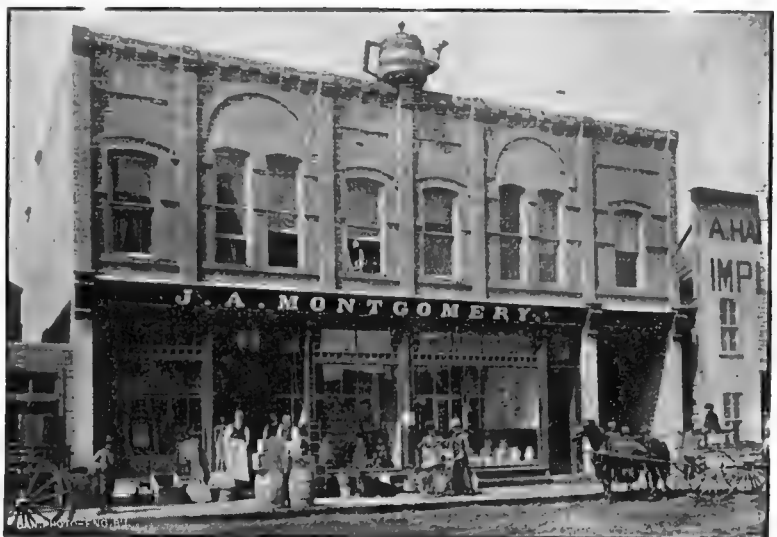
RESIDENCE OF J. N. KIRCHHOFFER, EX-M. P. P.



CITY TREAS. D. M. McMILLAN.



J. A. MONTGOMERY.



THE MONTGOMERY BLOCK.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS.

Lunatic Asylum	\$55,000
Finishing Central School	26,500
	\$81,500

RAILWAYS (PERMANENT).

Track-laying &c on C. P. R.	\$5,000
&c on N. P.	3,000
	\$8,000

EXPENDITURE BY CITY COUNCIL.

On acc't of Sewer Contract	\$34,630
" " Water works	65,600
New City Hall and grounds	12,390
On sidewalks and streets	11,000
	\$123,530

RECAPITULATION.

East of First Street	\$ 7,350
On First Street	10,200
" Second Street	8,550
" Third Street	2,850
" Fourth Street	12,150
" Fifth Street	8,350
" Sixth Street	27,050
" Seventh Street	10,350
" Eighth Street	30,650
" Ninth Street	12,850
" Tenth Street	18,050
" Eleventh Street	28,800
" Twelfth Street	15,350
" Thirteenth Street	23,400
" Fourteenth Street	3,800
" Fifteenth Street	12,450
" Sixteenth Street	3,000
" Eighteenth Street	12,950
West of Eighteenth Street	6,750
North of C. P. R. track	27,350
Rosser Avenue	169,150
Public Buildings	81,500
Railways Permanent	8,000
Expenditure by city council	123,530
Grand Total	\$664,430

BRANDON BUSINESS MEN.

N. J. HALPIN.

Has during the past summer erected one of the finest and most complete drug stores to be found in the West. A two story and white brick and Duluth stone building 24x65 feet, on the South side of Rosser Ave. between 9th and 10th Streets. The lower floor is handsomely fitted up as show, sale and dispensing rooms; the floor is covered with oil-cloth, and the fittings are of oak, (the work of the Canadian Office and School Furniture Company, of Preston, Ont.), while large bevelled plate mirrors at the side and end of the show room lend additional grandeur to the place. Besides the usual stock of drugs, etc., Mr. Halpin has this year a beautiful display of Christmas goods of most unique and novel descriptions, which he is offering at close figures. The building is heated throughout with hot air and lighted with electricity, and is one of the most commodious and comfortable in the city.

ROBERT HOUSTON.

A thrifty young Scotchman from Ayrshire arrived in Manitoba six years ago. After one year of farm

life, he came to Brandon and entered the employ of Maywood Bros. Transfer and Draymen. The next year saw him a member of the firm, and three years later he purchased the business of his former employers, and now owns and manages the whole. Besides owning seven drays and employing a number of men, he does a large trade in coal and wood, and is already a man in very comfortable circumstances. His offices are in the Harkness Block, 9th Street, where he may be found during business hours, busy receiving and issuing orders.

W. H. IRWIN.

Who has been in the Photographic business in Brandon since 1882, needs no introduction to the people of this country, but, a word or two may properly be said about the commodious studio he has just fitted up in the new Miller Block. A bright reception room, handsomely furnished, is found on the second floor of the building. The third storey being entirely taken up with the spacious studio, roomy dark room—in which life sized pictures can be worked at with ease, printing, finishing and store rooms. The studio itself is lighted from the north by a window representing in shape a quarter of the globe, the light radiating from the top. The scenery is in all the latest designs, and includes many pieces that have never before been used in Manitoba.

THE LANGHAM HOTEL.

Situated on the brow of the hill on 12th St., has the advantages of an uptown house while within five minutes walk of both the C. P. R. and the N. P. stations, making it a favorite stopping place for transient and season guests. The building is of white brick, (50x90) three storeys, with accommodation for 75 guests, and was erected in 1882 as a club house by wealthy young Englishmen who spared no expense in fitting it up. Four years ago Mr. J. W. Nealon, of Toronto, while travelling through the country for D. W. Alexander & Co., saw the building and decided to lease it and open it for an hotel. In 1891 he purchased the property, and now has plans in the hands of the Architect for extensive additions, including a large wing with double galleries to be built towards the north, spacious sample rooms, bath rooms, and airy suits of rooms for

permanent guests. The rooms are handsomely furnished in oak, cherry and walnut, the whole of the lower floor being inlaid in hard woods. Cosy billiard, smoking, reading and sitting rooms make it a favorite resort, and in the large dining room more than one delightful ball has been held. Mr. Nealon is well known as a thorough business man throughout the country, having been at one time a large owner in the Meaford woolen mills, besides having travelled for well known firms from ocean to ocean, and his business ability has been well displayed in the successful manner in which he has managed his hotel.

F. C. VAN BUSKIRK.

About two years and a half ago Mr. F. C. Vanbuskirk opened out in the Book and Stationary business in the face of strong opposition, which venture many thought would be of short duration; business however has steadily increased, and to-day Mr. Van Buskirk occupies the best business stand in Brandon, cor. of 9th St. and Rosser Avenue, and is showing a very choice Xmas and Holiday Stock, which would pay any one to inspect. Attention to business, Right Prices, and a good stand mean prosperity.

THE IMPERIAL LOAN Co.

The busiest man in Brandon these days appears to be Mr. J. Nesbitt Kirchhoffer, manager of the above Company. That little office in the "Kirchhoffer Block" is crowded "from morn to noon—from noon to dewy eve," and we have never been able to sit up late enough to see when he quenches his midnight oil. We would say that he got no time to take his meals, but his appearance belies the suggestion. He must sleep sometimes, or he could not be so cheerful looking, and from what the people say, he apparently gives satisfaction to everyone. Outside of his personal popularity, and his intimate acquaintance with the people and the country, Mr. Kirchhoffer possesses the great advantage in his business of having entire control. Thus being able to deal with his customers on the spot, without referring their loans to Head Office in some other Province, and certainly the borrowing public are not slow to appreciate these advantages if one may judge from the numbers who call upon him daily.

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A MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL.

We take pleasure in presenting this special Christmas issue of the TIMES to our readers. While it is not all that we could wish it were or equal to work of the same kind turned out in more pretentious establishments yet it has one advantage which we think will recommend it to our readers particularly those of the city of Brandon and vicinity. The advantage spoken of is, "the work was all done in our own office." The number cannot fail to be of benefit to the business men and other citizens who wish to give their friends at a distance some idea of the rapid and surprising growth of "The wheat City." One may write in a letter the fact that considerable more than half a million dollars worth of permanent improvements were made during the now closing season, but the mere statement does not convey the fact so forcibly to outsiders, as will the detailed statement that we give of these improvements. In getting the material for this statement we have tried to get as near the cost of the different buildings as possible and we believe that the gross sum is rather under than over the mark. The history of the early settlement of the city will prove of interest to not only outsiders but to many who have come here during the past few years.

For our own part we have great faith in the future of Brandon. Her citizens are of that class that are the most likely to make a city or town prosperous. Those who have lived longest here have the most faith in a bright future for the city of their adoption. This is evidenced by the outlay that many of them have made during the year. It is a helpful and hopeful sign of the future success of a community when the members thereof are willing to invest their surplus earnings in improvements such as have been made in this city during the past season. The embarking in, and the encouragement of, such new enterprises as that lately taken up by some of the leading citizens—the woolen mill—is another hopeful sign of the future of the city and one which we hail with pleasure.

To the citizens of Brandon and our outside subscribers we return our sincere thanks for the patronage extended to us since the TIMES commenced business in the city. We have tried to keep abreast of the progress that has been made in other branches of business and we hope by fair honest dealing and strict attention to business to merit a continuance of your confidence in the future.

Wishing one and all the readers of the Christmas number of the TIMES, a merry Christmas and a happy New Year, we are ladies and gentlemen yours sincerely

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BRANDON BUSINESS MEN.

J. S. LAUGHTON & Co.

Mr. J. S. Laughton may fairly be numbered among the most successful business men of Brandon. Seven years ago he came to the city and entered the employ of Strome & Whitelaw. Three years later he branched out as a member of the firm of Strome & Laughton, and one year after that took over the business and has since traded under the name of J. S. Laughton & Co. Since then the increase of business has each year been twenty-four to thirty per cent. over the one previous. This year the business will total up to \$25,000, and that is all exclusively merchant tailoring. Notwithstanding the hard times his cash business this year is away over last. Mr. Laughton caters to the best trade of the city and he has the satisfaction of knowing that the most critical are loudest in their praises of the work done in his establishment. Twenty-one hands are employed and they do work for people all along the C. P. R. as far west as Vancouver B. C.

HANBURY & McNEA.

Our reporter visited the establishment of Messrs Hanbury & McNea, and was shown around by Mr. Hanbury. We were assured that a very successful seasons business had just been closed. The mill was well fitted with the very latest makes of machinery and the yard well stocked with all kinds of lumber for the manufacture of sash and doors. The mill has just been closed down for extensive improvements and Mr. Hanbury with their foreman, Mr. J. Clark, are starting in a few days on a tour of inspection through the United States and Ontario, for the purpose of seeing the latest in all kinds of manufactured work, and it is the intention of the firm to have in the very near future one of the best equipped and most convenient factories in Canada. It is Mr. Hanbury's intention when east to inquire into the cost of manufactured furniture; and see if it could not be done here in connection with the other departments of their work. He also thinks it possible to manufacture wagons and sleighs. We sincerely hope that this firm may find some thing whereby they can keep their factory running the winter through. It is by such institutions as those that we must expect our young city to be built up and we would like to see the firm of Messrs Hanbury & McNea given all the encouragement possible by our citizens.

BELL BROS.

Are probably the largest and best known contractors and builders in Western Manitoba. The family came to Brandon in 1892, and since then they have followed their business of contracting and building. Most of the largest and best buildings of the city were built by this firm, and their reputation as builders stands very high in the west.

One of the brothers, Arthur, was nine years in the employ of the well known Brandon grocers, Dickenson & Murray, and this month he has opened out, in company with his brother Wm, the finest grocery store in Manitoba. This spacious store is situated at the corner of Twelfth street and Rosser avenue in the magnificent block built this season and known as the Bell block. The first flat of this splendid block contains three large stores, and the two upper flats are fitted up for offices. As will be seen by our illustrations elsewhere in this number the Bell Bros own a number of very fine residences in various parts of the city which are a valuable source of revenue to the firm as they are all good houses and bring the best rents. Like many others the Bell boys came to Manitoba with very little means but by straight-forward dealing and industrious attention to business they have accumulated quite a large amount of property.

J. A. CHRISTIE.

Ald. J. A. Christie is the largest lumberman in the province. His large saw mill in the lower part of the city is fitted throughout with the finest machinery for turning out the best grades of dressed, matched and manufactured lumber. The timber to keep the mill running is driven down the Assiniboine River and tributaries from Mr. Christie's large timber limits in the Saskatchewan and Fort Pelley districts. Mr. Christie's mill keeps a very large gang of men busy night and day during the summer months in the city and in the winter the men or many of them go to the woods. Mr. Christie is one of the old timers of Brandon, having come here from North Leeds in 1892. While being a very active in business Mr. Christie has been quite a public man also. He served for years as councillor in the county of Greenville, Ont., and has been seven years on the Brandon school board. In 1886 he contested Selkirk in the interest of the Liberal party for the Dominion house, and last year he was elected to the Brandon city council.

JOHN A. MONTGOMERY

From his long residence in the city and connection with the grocery trade this gentleman's name has become a household word in the district. His exceptional business turn and his long training has given him a place in the foremost rank of grocers in the city. In October 1890 he moved into his present large commodious premises on Ninth Street, known as the Montgomery Block. Since then his business has assumed large proportions. The premises consist of two stores—one devoted exclusively to groceries and provisions, and the other to China, glass ware and crockery. In the first can be found a splendid stock of the choicest family groceries, fruit, canned goods and provisions. In the second is one of the largest and most complete assortment (direct importations) of goods usually found in a china hall. In connection with these branches is a bakery. The articles turned out from this is of a very varied character. Plain and fancy bread; cakes of all kinds, including both wedding and Christmas, many of which are most artistically decorated; candies, both fancy and plain, equal to any that can be imported from outside points. In fact, this establishment is prepared to turn out such goods equal to those of any that are manufactured in the province.

G. N. GILCHRIST.

Is one of the old timers of the city having come to Brandon in February 1883. On his arrival he opened a Merchant Tailoring establishment on the corner of 5th St. and Rosser which was at that time the heart of the village. When the Adams block was built he moved into the east store and there he has remained since till within the past month when he bought what is known as the Farr property on Rosser opposite the Syndicate block. Mr. Gilchrist is an expert cutter and fitter and has always had a large trade, many of his regular customers being people living at various points as far west as Vancouver. As a citizen and a business man Mr. Gilchrist is very highly esteemed by all who have known him. He has done well in Brandon and has every prospect of even better things in the future.

T. E. KELLY.

Needs no introduction to the Manitoba public. He is widely known, and well known, as an energetic and honorable business man, as a genial and true hearted friend, as a deep-thinking and reliable citizen. He came to Manitoba in 1877 and settled in Brandon five years later, where he has built up one of the finest horse and livery businesses in the whole Dominion. His large stables on Ninth street are 88x106 built of red brick and are three storeys in height. The building, both inside and out, is a model of stable architecture. The outside aspect is plain and unpretentious, but solid and substantial. Inside is every convenience and comfort for both man and beast. Two heavy sliding doors, one from the carriage department and the other from the farmer's stabling department, open on to Ninth street, and a separate entrance leads into the day waiting rooms and offices. A waiting room for ladies is to the left of this entrance, from which opens Mr. Kelly's private office and this latter also opens into the general waiting room. Off this again are the offices occupied by Mr. Fred Torrance, D. V. S., one of the most clever veterinary doctors in Canada. Nearly the entire first floor is filled with cabs, carriages, cutters and vehicles of all descriptions, and on the second floor are the horses (the stable having a capacity for 100) in large iron-grated, iron-guttered stalls as comfortable and well cared for as horses can be. Harness rooms and night-watchmen's rooms are also on this floor. The third floor contains the feed, etc., and altogether the stables are without an equal in the Dominion.

THE MODEL BAKERY.

Mr. Joseph Quinn, owner and manager of the Brandon 'Model Bakery' has recently made extensive additions to his large business buildings on Sixth street. The buildings are now 120 feet in depth, the last addition being a red brick two story bakery 25x40 feet. The main door to this bakery is at the rear of the building and upon entering we notice to the left a large, airy bread-room, capable of holding 1000 loaves. To the rear is the spacious bake-room, the finest in Canada west of Winnipeg. In it are two Dempster ovens, which Mr. Dempster has certified to be "the most complete pair of ovens west of Winnipeg, known as the Scotch type of oven or Dempster oven, specially constructed for hard coal or coke." The capacity of the ovens is 3,000 loaves per day, and this in addition to the loaves baked in the two old ovens, makes an enormous output of bread per week. The bread will be made by machinery, the engine and boiler are now en route from Toronto, and the mixer (which alone cost

\$350) from Chicago. The cost of the new bakery will be, when completed, \$5,000. The prover is 18ft. long and 4½ wide, and the troughs are 18ft long, 2 deep and 2 wide. A fine work board is over the prover, and the room altogether, with its large windows, high ceiling and spotless walls and floor, to say nothing of the splendid ovens, is an honor to Brandon. In the upper story of this building are stored the different kinds of flours, and two hoppers materially lessen the burden of carrying.

Mr. Quinn has done his baking by degrees, and has been content to wait until he could build in the latest, most approved and most convenient manner. His large store is already well stocked with rich Christmas cakes, delicious fancy breads and biscuits, and a number of wedding cakes are there—ordered for the Christmas holidays.

Besides the splendid business buildings, Mr. Quinn's private residence on 5th street is an ornament to the city, and other buildings put up by him are eagerly sought as dwelling houses, his reputation of having everything done in the most thorough way being well known.

E. L. CHRISTIE.

Is a young man of whom Manitoba has reason to be proud. In 1885 he came from Ottawa and after a short time entered the book and stationery store of the late Andrew Freedland, who occupied a small building on the north side of Rosser Avenue. Shortly afterwards he bought out the business and moved into a larger store in the Durst Block. By degrees he added different departments to his business and gradually became looked upon as one of the leading men of the city. His quarters again became too small, and last year he determined to build. Property adjoining the Durst Block was purchased, plans were drawn and the building commenced and completed, and to-day there exists nowhere west of Toronto a larger, more complete or more thoroughly equipped Printing and Stationery warehouse than the Christie Building. Built of Cleveland red brick, 29 ft. frontage and extending 75 feet back, three storeys with large plate glass windows and handsome finishings, it is an ornament to the city. The first floor is, at this season, a perfect panorama of all that is lovely. Shelves and tables filled with books, heaps upon heaps of toys, fancy china, musical instruments and Christmas goods, while the show window, 9x12 feet, is a picture in itself. Large offices are in the rear of the lower floor, and on the second floor is a magnificent display of wall papers, and a large variety of baby carriages, express carts and children's velocipedes. On the third floor are the stationary stock rooms and the printing and publishing department under the skillful foremanship of Mr. Phil Parcell. The Christie printing is known all over the country, and a peep into this department with its folding presses, perforators, binding and cutting machines, etc., etc., is well worth a trip through the building. Mr. Christie's next step will be the addition of a book binding department to his already large business.

J. D. KENNEDY.

Sole agent for Estevan coal, has his office in the Western Lumber Company's building on Assiniboine Avenue, north of the C.P.R. station, and is now prepared to fill orders of any quantity. The coal is a lignite, and burns to a white ash, which ash retains the fire for days after it is removed from the stove, making it necessary that care should be exercised in depositing

the ashes. This coal has been thoroughly tested and has been found generally satisfactory, producing a strong heat, having no clinkers and being a low price. Mr. Kennedy is also Manitoba manager of the Western Lumber Company of Rat Portage and has done a most successful business here for the past two years. The cut of this Company at Rat Portage last season was twelve million feet and greater things are expected next year.

MESSRS COWAN & Co.

Private Bankers are making a new departure in their Savings Bank Department. After the first of the year a nickel plated box 2x3½x4½ inches, with a slot in the top, will be given to each depositor to take home for the purpose of dropping in small coins that would otherwise be expended for things that could be easily done without. Mr. Cowan, the manager of the Bank, will keep the key to these boxes, and each month the possessors of the boxes will take them to the office, in Fleming Chambers 8th Street, where they will be unlocked and the contents taken therefrom in the presence of the owner. The money will then be placed to the credit of the possessor of the box, and the box returned with a pass book showing the amount of the deposit. Small amounts, that otherwise would not be placed in the Bank, are thus saved, as nothing is too small to slip through the slot. Five per cent. interest, compounded on the first of January, April, July and October, will be paid. Deposits made on or before the 2nd of the month will draw interest from the 1st of the same month. Savings Banks in the United States which have issued these boxes have found that their customers have benefited greatly thereby. The following table will show how many a nickel makes a muckle.

	Amount Invested	Total Deposited	Amount
5 cts per day, for 5 yrs	75.25	9.25	84.50
10 " " " " " 5 years	150.50	18.50	169.00
15 " " " " " 5 years	225.75	27.75	253.50
20 " " " " " 5 years	301.00	37.00	338.00
25 " " " " " 5 years	376.25	46.25	422.50
30 " " " " " 5 years	451.50	55.50	507.00
40 " " " " " 5 years	602.00	74.00	676.00
50 " " " " " 5 years	752.50	92.50	845.00
75 " " " " " 5 years	1128.75	138.75	1267.50
1.00 " " " " " 5 years	1505.00	185.00	1690.00
1.25 " " " " " 5 years	1881.25	231.25	2112.50
1.50 " " " " " 5 years	2257.50	277.50	2535.00
1.75 " " " " " 5 years	2633.75	323.75	2957.50
2.00 " " " " " 5 years	3010.00	370.00	3380.00

Messrs Cowan & Co. have exclusive right to the use of these banks in Brandon and vicinity.

A. E. REA.

Proprietor of the Flour and Feed Emporium opposite Fleming chambers on Rosser Avenue, came from Kingston, Ont., in 1886, when he opened in a small way the business which has since proved so successful. Besides doing a large retail and jobbing trade on Rosser Avenue, he owns extensive wholesale warerooms on Sixth Street, from which he supplies retail dealers throughout the entire country, shipping in car lots. Everything in the line of grain, potatoes, flour, vegetables, etc., etc., he purchases from the farmers either for cash or trade, and, being so widely known as a thoroughly honest and fair-dealing man, with plenty of western push, his business has assumed great proportions. Mr. Rea desires to correspond with farmers and others in his line of business, and all letters received will be replied to promptly.

TROTTER & TROTTER.

This firm was established in a small way in 1883 by Messrs A. and B. Trotter, who, by energetic and honorable dealing have made themselves widely felt in the horse exchange. Their commodious stables are situated on Sixth Street, where a number of horses are continually on hand for sale. Having had 10 years experience in the business, Messrs Trotter & Trotter thoroughly understood the needs of the farmer in this respect. Already the large number of orders in will necessitate a shipment early in January, which goes to show that every confidence is placed in them for the selection of stock and for giving the farmers full value for their money. These gentlemen desire to thank the public for past patronage, and take this opportunity of informing them that next year will see them still to the front, and doing a bigger business than ever.

JOHNSON & Co.

The present members of this firm, hardware merchants on Rosser Ave. took possession of the business in April 1892, having bought out Mr. S. F. Johnson. Their success has been beyond their most sanguine expectations, so much so, that the capacity of the premises they now occupy is insufficient for the large stock they find it necessary to carry,

and in January next they purpose moving into the large Wilson Block, a few doors east of where they are now. This block has a spacious warehouse attached which will be used to carry additional stock of shelf and heavy hardware, paints, oils, glass, etc. etc. An immense stock of stoves and tinware of the best and most durable makes will be carried, and a number of workmen will be employed to manufacture tinware and attend to all work in that line. Already the stock carried and the business done by this firm is the largest in the country outside of Winnipeg, and the business house will in the future grow to be an important wholesale establishment, judging by their trade of the past season.

EMERSON & WINDER.

The proprietors of the Brandon Tent and Awning Factory, have the only business of this kind in the Northwest. The business was begun by Mr. G. C. Emerson, who came from Milwaukee, Wis., 11 years ago, in a little 12x14 shanty on Rosser Ave., and so rapidly has it grown that the extensive show and ware rooms on 10th street are not now sufficient for the number of hands employed and the stock carried. Two years ago Mr. Lionel Winder of Manchester, Eng., bought an interest in the business. The wholesale trade is very large, an immense business being done throughout the entire Northwest, and the firm is now selling all goods not made by them at a great reduction, as it is their intention to discontinue the retail business and deal exclusively in the wholesale. Overalls, mattresses, canvas horse blankets, binder canvases, sporting and camping outfits, tents, awnings etc. etc. are manufactured on the premises, and a large trade is done during the spring in cleaning carpets by machinery and in the summer and fall by renting tents. Both members of the firm are active business men, and the large trade already done by them is continually increasing so that it may be safely predicted that in a very few years their factories will be among the greatest manufacturing industries of Manitoba. Such an emporium is a great boon to settlers arriving in this country, as, not until they arrive here can they have a proper idea of the outfits required for this land, not least among them being

the manufactories of Messrs Emerson & Winder.

A. D. RANKIN & CO'Y.

As an exclusively Dry Goods and Clothing House, the store of Messrs A. D. Rankin & Co'y. is without a rival in this country. Their spacious accommodation is crowded with the choicest goods and latest novelties from all lands as well as with the staple articles of home production. On entering the building a magnificent display of furs greets the eye, every kind of garment is here, coats, capes, muffs, boas, storm collars, caps, gauntlets, &c., for little and big folk, and for all sizes of purses (small and big purses). To the right is the Dress Department, (the pride of the house). There is ranged pile upon pile of beautiful dress tweeds, serges, repps, cashmeres, hemiettas, and lovely silks and satins, rich velvets and plushes &c.

The Haberdashery Dept. is opposite the Dress Dept., this is a particularly interesting spot for the Ladies, as it contains all the little articles which are indispensable to a ladies toilet, such as gloves, laces, ribbons, hosiery, underwear, combs, fancy silks, ornaments etc., in all styles and varieties. For Xmas a largeshipment of beautiful Japanese silk handkerchiefs, imported direct from Yokohama, have just arrived, prices wonderfully low for nice goods, just the thing for a Xmas gift. The rear of the store is devoted to staples, such as lineens, cottons, sheetings, flannels, blankets, comforters, pillows etc.

The left half of the store is entirely occupied with their large Ready Made Clothing and Men's Furnishing Dept. They keep always in stock the latest materials, made up in the nicest styles. In men's furnishings there is everything that a gentleman requires to wear (except boots). We just have a shipment by Express of beautiful neckwear, received for the holiday season.

On the second floor is the large carpet and housefurnishing Dept., also Mantle and Dress Making Depts. A. D. Rankin & Co. are making extensive alterations in their premises to accomodate Millinery in the spring. For this new Dept. a first class milliner with assistants have already been secured.

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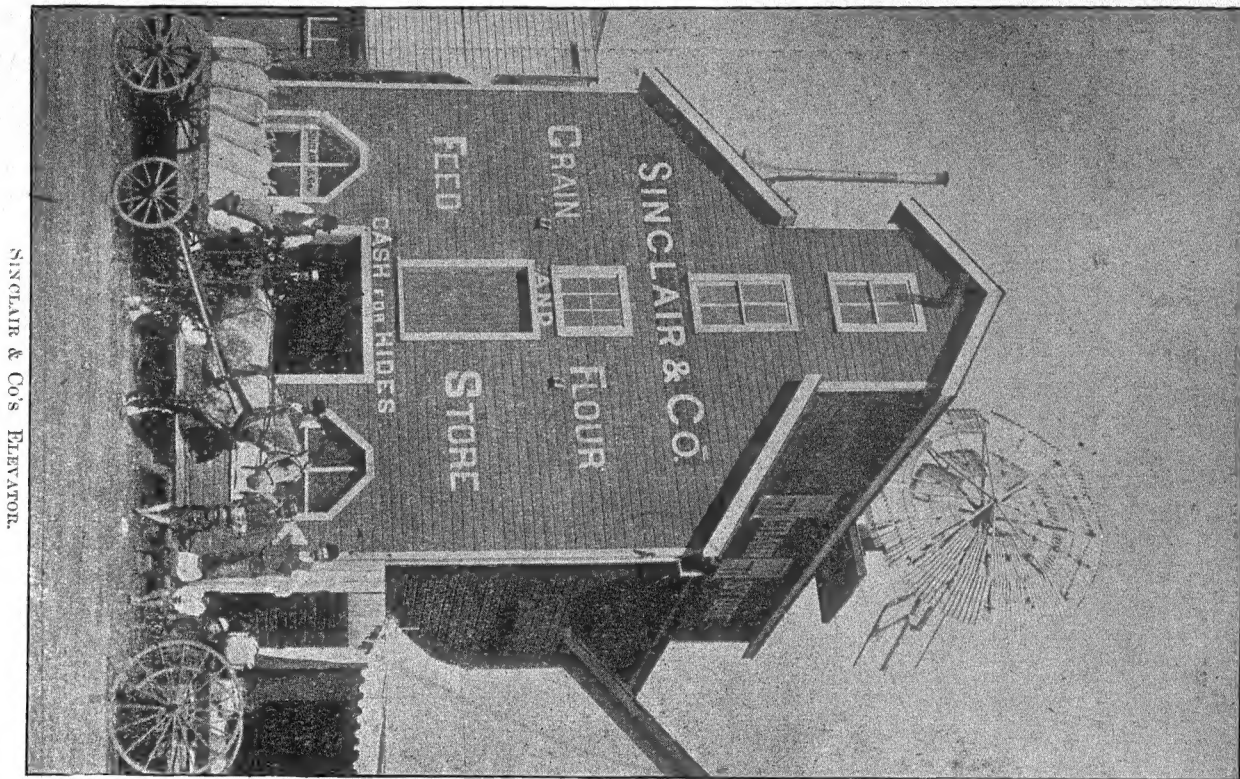
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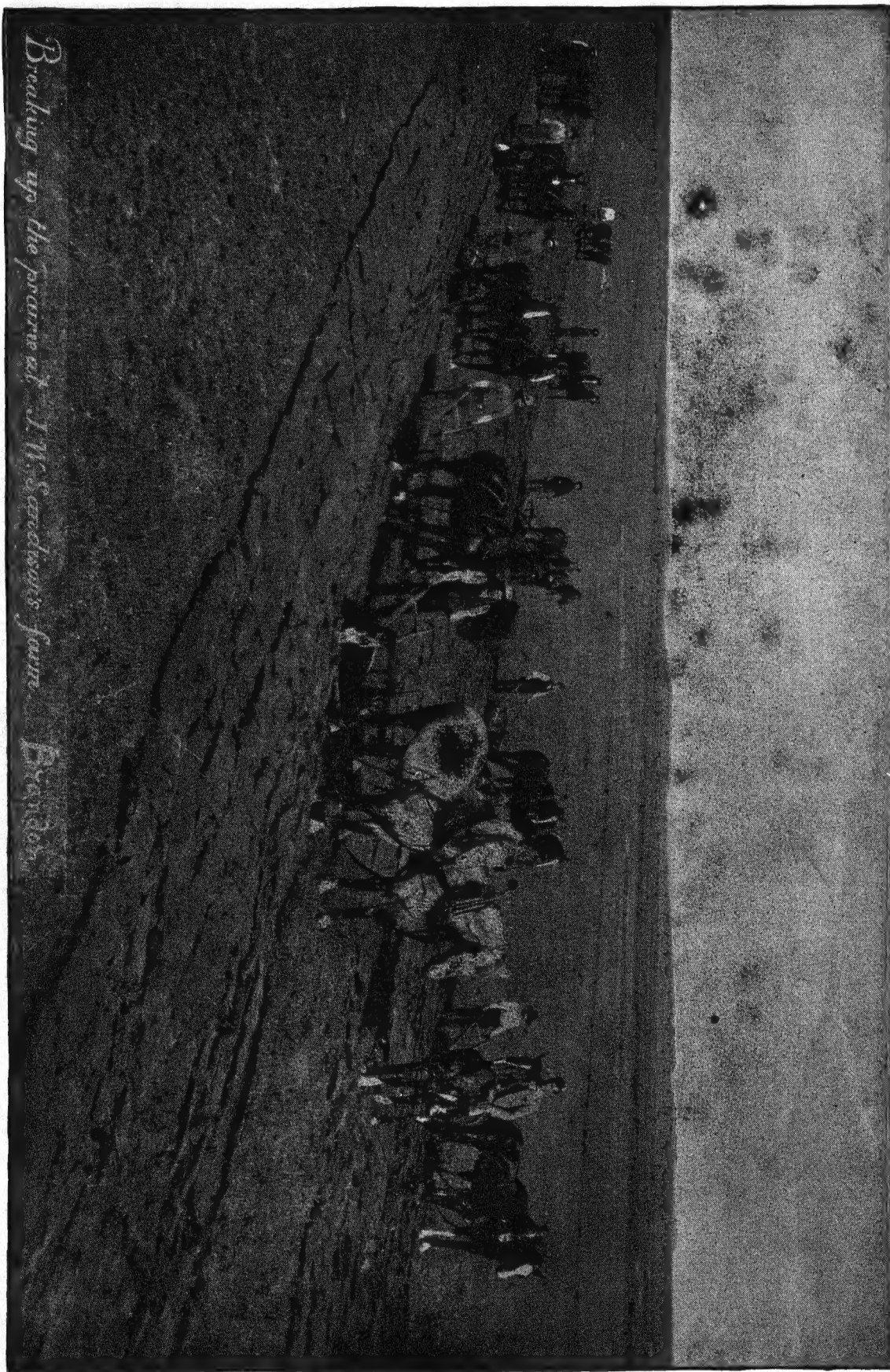


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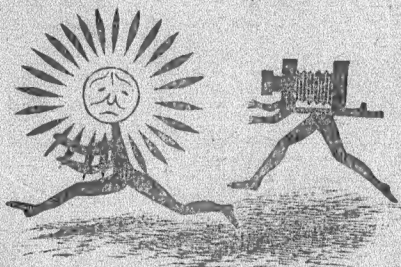
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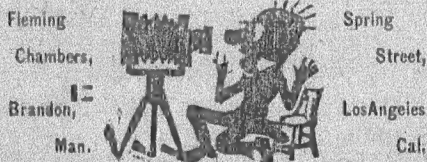
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